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MAY, 2010

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Grand Knight's Message by Stan Buraczynski, GK



Another Columbian Year is coming to a close and I would like to thank all of you who have helped with Council activities during this time. We have had a busy year with our breakfasts, dinners, social meetings, children's events, blood drive and other fund raising events.

This year we were able to donate a large sum of money and many hours of volunteerism to our local charities and churches. I am especially proud of the fraternity we have been able to continue in the community. This is especially noticed by the attendance at our events. When our brothers and their families as well as members of the community attend these events they spend time socializing and having a good time. This is what fraternalism is all about.

During this year we have added over 35 new members to our council. With the infusion of new blood we are guaranteeing the growth of our Council for years to come. In closing I would like to thank my officers and their families for the time and efforts that they spent this past year. In order for a Council to thrive and be successful you need team effort and we have an excellent team at the Freehold Council. On June 8th we will be electing a new team to carry the council into next year. I urge all of you to come to that meeting and show your support for our incoming officers by voting. May God bless all of you and your families.

Election of Officers by Patrick G. McCobb, PGK

The Nominating Committee, composed of GK Stan Buraczynski, PGK's Tom Boyle, Henry Debski, Carlos Maldonado and Spence Purdum, Bro. Dave Ritchie and I, propose the following slate of officers for the 2010-2011 Columbian Year:

Grand Knight:	Richard M. Scott
Deputy Grand Knight:	Joseph Virgilio, Jr.
Chancellor:	Joseph J. Luongo

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Recorder: Peter Weber
 Treasurer: Gerard L. Ham, PGK
 Advocate: Thomas J. Boyle, PGK
 Warden: John Oleksak
 Inside Guard: Thomas Zakrzewski
 Outside Guard: Thomas N. Shenko

The election will be held at the business meeting of June 8, 2010 in the Council Chamber. Further nominations may be made from the floor at that time.

My thanks to my fellow members of the Nominating Committee for their hard work.

Food Service Committee by Stan Buraczynski, GK

The Food Service Committee has been busy this year with Breakfasts, Dinners and Snack Bar Operations. Attendance at these events has surpassed previous years and the monies raised have allowed us to make increased donations to our local charities. I would like to thank all who have volunteered their Sunday mornings and Friday and Saturday nights to make these events a huge success. A special

thanks to the wives, children and sisters of Brothers who also volunteered their time to these functions. Without their support we would not have had the successful year that we have experienced.

Before the end of this Columbian Year we still have one more event, our Annual New England Clam Bake. See the notice on page 6.

From the Field Agent's Office by Robert J. Karaczun, FA

For 128 years the Knights of Columbus has protected Catholic families against the financial devastation that occurs when a family member dies.

The Order has a great portfolio of life insurance products, retirement annuities, and long term care insurance that protects all facets of your life. We do it without wasting millions of dollars on licensing fees for cartoon characters, or blimps, or having our name on a stadium, and we don't sponsor a golf tournament or tennis tournament.



We know you don't care about marketing slogans that tell you how good or bad our hands are, or offer you a piece of a stone and we didn't spend millions on an advertising campaign that focuses on a prepo-

sition, and that's why when other companies needed a bailout from the federal government we had the greatest year in the history of the Order.

Our only concern is you, not the stock holders, you our members and your families are the only people that count, and we have never forgotten to put you first.

The Order has over 75 billion dollars of insurance in force, and in 2009 almost 500 million was added to annuities, and we are the only major long term care insurance provider that has never asked for a rate increase.

As your field agent I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and analyses your liabilities, ascertain what is important to you and then custom design a program to protect your family, in the short term and long term. Contact me today.

Financial Secretary's Report by Michael E. Petrisin, PGK

The year 2010 has started off well. After just four months, only 105 members have not yet paid their dues. However, fifteen of them owe for 2009, too. Please try to pay and for the first time in over ten years we could have

100% retention.

I know I have said this before, but if you are having personal or financial problems, please

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feel free to contact me, and we will try to solve them. Your membership is important to us.

Congratulations are in order to William Martella, our newest Honorary Life Member, and to Michael Barra, George Cook, James Kane and Robert Noreika, our newest Honorary Members.

We welcome the following new brothers to our Order: Rev. Stephen Piga, Travis Bryant, Daniel Falizado, Robert Goldrick, Frederick Lardaro, Deacon Andrew Luhman, Michael Montalto, John Newman, Tri Nguyen and John Trainor, who took their First Degree on October 27, 2009; and to Rev. Francisco Saenz, Joseph Coleman, Joseph Coiglione, Edward Desch, Joseph DiBenedetto, Thomas Federico, William Harms, Steven Kedulich,

Anthony Menichino, Thomas Nevenglosky, Pericles (Perry) Scaranni and Raymond Tobia, who took theirs on April 27.

New Transfers or Reinstatements to our Council are Philip DeAngelis, Joseph Fahrion, Francis Falotico, Steven Filippone, Travis Koziol, Dennis Murphy, Joseph O'Reilly, Daniel Pasquinucci, Jr, John Peacock, Michael Petrillo, Richard Pezzullo and Leon Rygiel.

On a sad note, Brothers Harold Bennett, William Boardman, Gavin Dance, Edward Fountain, Jr, Frederick Gibson, PGK, James F. Higgins, Michael Lo Bianco, Bernard McDermott and Nicholas Salvetti have passed on.

Again, if you have moved or are planning to move, please send me your new address.

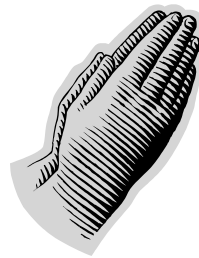
Chaplain's Study by Rev. Edward M. Jawidzik

Prayer: A Spiritual Offering

By Terullian, Second Century Church Father

"We are true worshippers and true priests. We pray in spirit, and so offer in spirit the sacrifice of prayer. Prayer is an offering that belongs to God and is acceptable to Him: it is the offering He has asked for, the offering He planned as His own.

"We must dedicate this offering with our whole heart, we must fatten it on



faith, tend it by truth, keep it unblemished through innocence and clean through chastity, and crown it with love. We must escort it to the altar of God in a procession of good works to the sound of psalms and hymns. Then it will gain for us all that we ask of God.

"Prayer gives the armor of patience to those who suffer, who feel raw, and who are distressed."

Membership Director by Joseph Virgilio, Jr.

Why are all the degrees of the Knights of Columbus important to each member?

The mission of each Knights of Columbus Council and its members are to spread the message of Fr. McGivney and to invite practical Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus; and to encourage lesser degreed knights to advance through all their degrees.

Our Order is dedicated to the principles of Charity (1st), Unity (2nd), Fraternity (3rd) and Patriotism (4th).

Charity is the first degree by which Knights are followers of Christ and men of faith. As St. James reminds us, "faith without works is dead." Therefore, as Knights we are committed to charity, easing the plight of those less fortunate.

Unity is the second degree. In unity there is strength. Existing in an environment that was openly hostile to Catholics, the founders of the Order relied on the strength of unity to

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remain steadfast in the Faith while claiming their rightful place in society. Today the Order uses that strength to speak out for religiously-grounded moral values in a culture that has forsaken them.

Fraternity is the third degree. In 19th century America, life insurance was beyond the financial reach of many poor Catholics and social services did not exist. Through the Knights of Columbus men were able to band together as brothers to help one another in times of distress, sickness and death.

Upon completing the Third Degree a knight is then considered a full member.

Patriotism is the fourth principle. One of the reasons the Order was founded was to em-

phasize that Catholics are proud citizens of their countries. Today Fourth Degree Knights in full regalia, the visible arm of the Order, serve to witness the values of devotion to God and country, the bedrock of patriotism.

The Fourth Degree is the highest degree of the order. Members of this degree are addressed as "Sir Knight".

A practical Catholic man joins our The Knights of Columbus at his First Degree ceremony. By this act he is then said to be a First Degree Knight of Columbus and is expected to participate in the Order, both by completing all the subsequent degrees and by actively practicing the principles of the Knights of Columbus.

Centennial Committee by Stan Buraczynski, GK

On February 23, 2013 the Freehold Council will celebrate its 100th Anniversary as a Council of the Knights of Columbus. This year a committee was formed consisting of Brothers: Tom Boyle, Stan Buraczynski, John Favorito, Dan Foley, Joe Luongo, Pat McCobb, Spence Purdum, George Schnurr, Rick Scott, Tom Shenko, Joe Virgillio and Peter Weber. The purpose of this committee is to plan the festivities for the Anniversary Year of our

founding as a Council. The first meeting was held on March 2, 2010 with future meetings scheduled for each quarter of the next two years. So far the Committee is making plans for a Dinner/Dance to be held on Feb 23, 2013, a Commemorative Journal, publishing a book of Council History, Commemorative Pin, a Guest List.

If anyone would like to assist in this project please contact a member of the committee.

Columbian Club News by Rich Morano

Election of Trustees: The annual meeting of the Columbian Club will be held immediately following the Council meeting on Tuesday, June 8. At this meeting, three Trustees will be elected. The incumbent Trustees whose terms expire on June 30, 2010 are Michael Cruz, Steve Kleschinsky and Joseph Virgilio (who was recently appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ed Coughlin.)

Santa Day: Santa Day, December 12, 2009, was a huge success. Santa had gifts for over thirty children. Special thanks for some thoughtful donations. Thank you to the entire Christmas Committee. Santa, all his elves and decorators did an outstanding job. Also, thanks to our hometown cleaners, "Tops N Town."

From the Program Director by Rick Scott, DGK

It's been quite a while since the last Compass was published, and we've had a number of successful programs in those few months.

Blood Drive: On December 12, 2009 we collected 71 units of blood at our annual Blood

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From the Program Director by Rick Scott, DGK

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Drive. Thanks to Chairman Mike Tubridy and his committee, Carlos Maldonado, Joe Nowak, Joe Luongo, George Ferriso, Stan Buraczynski and Peter Weber. The morning's food was donated by Norkus Foodtown, Saker Shop-Rite, Sam's Club, Eli's Bagels and Dunkin' Donuts.

Magnet Sales: Our "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets sold well once again. We sold 494 of the 500 we bought, netting us \$1,500 for the Council's charities. Thanks to Paul Dwyer for chairing this effort, and to all who helped sell them at our parishes.

Christmas Tree Sale: Our second annual Christmas tree and wreath sale on December 12 and 13 brought in about \$750. Thanks to chairman John Favorito and his staff of salesmen who stood out in the cold to help out.

Kids Day: On Saturday, February 13, we hosted our fourth annual Kids Day. Home Depot was there with building projects, along with the Saint Rose Youth Group, Girl Scouts, Monmouth County Sheriff's Office and a magic show by Brother Knight Randy Butters. Attendance was good and fun was in abundance. Thanks to all the Knights who came out and helped with this event, especially Joe Luongo and Peter Weber.

"Tootsie Roll Drive": OK, that's not its official name anymore. Nevertheless, we took to the streets of Freehold — mostly the corner of Main and Broadway on Saturday, April 24, and collected over \$1,000 for the ARC of Mon-

mouth, which will go to help developmentally challenged children and young adults. Thanks to all who got sore feet walking up and down the Borough streets.

Social Programs: At our January social meeting we met Jim Benedict who runs "Feed All God's Children," a food program based in Freehold. Also on the agenda was Mary Ann Papp and the teenagers from the St. Rose Youth Group with a report on their trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City.

The Youth Group presented the Knights with a decorated slate tile from the church's roof as thanks for our donation to help with their Youth Conference expenses. The slate is hanging just inside the front door of the Council Home, along with our other plaques and awards.

Our February Social Meeting was held on the campus of Collier Services in nearby Wickatunk. The weather was awful, but those in attendance were impressed and inspired by the programs we learned about.

The March Social Meeting had a Founder's Day theme. We saw a video on Father Michael J. McGivney, and listened to a well received and informative presentation by Spence Purdum on our Council's history. We also met Fr. Francisco Saenz who had recently arrived at St. Rose of Lima as an Associate Pastor, taking the place of Fr. (and Sir Knight) Mike Brizio.

CPR Course by Jerry Ham, PGK

We have contacted the Wellness Center at CentraState Medical Center and they are willing to offer a CPR/AED course for our members at a 10 % discounted price of \$45.00 per person.

Course includes a workbook, CD and a two year certification card. Participants are required to pay the fee prior to the course and the Council is not subsidizing the fee.

The course takes about six hours and can be offered over two nights or on a Saturday or

Sunday.

If you are interested in signing up and taking this course, to make a difference in helping a parishioner, a colleague or a family member, please contact me at (732) 780-1342 or by email at TheCommish1672@verizon.net. We need a commitment of at least ten people to schedule a course at the Council.

Youth Essay Contest by Nick Fugaro and Joe Luongo

Fifty-one eighth graders entered this year's essay contest, writing about the responsibilities of Catholic citizens in a free society.

First prize, and a \$200 savings bond, goes to Ellen Byrne. Second prize, and a \$100 savings bond, goes to Matthew McGuinness. Third

prize, and a \$50 savings bond, goes to Madison Dunn. Nicolette LaLima from St. Robert Bellarmine's CCD program also received honorable mention.

Thanks to Paul Dwyer and Spence Purdum for assisting in the judging.

Yard Sale by John Favorito

Our Council will be hosting a Yard Sale on Saturday, June 12, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The sale will be held rain or shine, in

the parking lot behind our building. Tables can be secured for \$15 by calling me at (732) 303-8155.

Relay for Life by Rick Scott, DGK

For the fourth year in a row, Freehold Council will field a team in the Relay for Life, to be held on Saturday, June 12 at the Freehold Racetrack.

By taking part in the Relay, we have a chance to join hundreds of people from our area to fight back against a disease that has taken so much. At the same time, we'll help raise much needed



funds to support the American Cancer Society's efforts.

Besides joining the team and participating at the track, Brother Knights can donate money to the ACS on behalf of our team, either on line or at the bar; or can donate to the Council to offset our team expenses. Contact me at (732) 996-6950 for more information.

Clam Bake by Stan Buraczynski, GK

Come join us at our Council Hall on Friday, June 11 for our annual New England Clam Bake, from 7:00 to 10 p.m.

Our menu features New England clam chowder, steamed clams, BBQ chicken quarter, boiled potatoes, corn on the cob, cole slaw, biscuits & butter, apple pie, coffee and tea.

The price is only \$15.00 per person, or, for a 1 1/4 pound steamed lobster, \$14.00 additional.

The proceeds will benefit Council charities. Advance tickets are required. Call me at (917) 586-7349 for information and reservations.

Council Picnic

We will be holding our Annual Family Picnic on Sunday, June 27 from 12 noon to 5 pm at Michael J. Tighe Park. The picnic is open to all Brother Knights and their immediate families. In order to help cover the costs of the park fees and the food we are asking for a donation of \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child under 12. The donation for friends will be \$7.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child under 12. Maximum price for a family is \$21.00. The

menu will feature Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad, Sliced Tomato and Onions, watermelon, soda and juice. Tom Shenko is busy planning games for the day.

Advance reservations are required by calling our Grand Knight at 917 586-7349 or by e-mail: sjbchef@aol.com. Come join us for a fun filled Family Day

Golf Outing by Stan Buraczynski, GK

This year's Council Golf Outing will be held on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at the Knob Hill Golf Course, Manalapan, NJ. Continental Breakfast will be served from 7 to 8 a.m. with a Shotgun start at 8 a.m. Luncheon will be served at the golf course immediately after

play has been completed. Cost is \$99.00 per golfer, reservations can be made by calling me (917) 586-7349, e-mail: sjbchef@aol.com; or Joe Luongo (732) 299-9799, e-mail: j.luongo@yahoo.com. Come and join us for a fun day of good golf.

Council History by Spencer W. Purdum, PGK, FDD

In the past two years or more, I have profiled two charter members who I thought were instrumental in forming our Council — Michael H. Collins and Charles S. H. Mount. Now I'd like to introduce you to a third: James McNinnie.

James McNinnie was a first generation American, his parents, Lawrence and Mary, having immigrated from Ireland sometime in the late 1850's. They apparently settled somewhere near Jamesburg, then moved to western Monmouth County in the early '80's. Around 1887, the family moved to Freehold, some settling in the Township, most in the Town of Freehold, which would eventually become the Borough.

He was born in 1864, the third of eight children. Of the five sons, three at least, including James, started their careers in transportation — mail handling, carting and such. Two of his brothers stayed in that field for many years, but James, in the early twentieth century, was variously listed in censuses as saloon keeper, hotel proprietor and theater owner.

The fact that he lived for some time at the Wolcott Hotel (now Federici's) and that he had a business relationship with Oscar Wolcott — at one time they owned the Opera House — shows that he was operating at a relatively high level in the early part of the twentieth century.

Aside from being an apparently prosperous businessman, Mr. McNinnie was also a member of the Freehold Fire Department, being elected to several offices in Steamer Company No. 2. His brother Frank was a member of Steamer No. 1.

In the early 1900's he was also active in the

local democratic party, being a member of the executive committee for at least one year.

In 1910, he sold his bar to W.B. Lockwood, and, according to the newspaper was retiring from business, noting that he had at one time been manager and part owner of the Opera House (later the Armory) which was on Lafayette Place.

He lived in the Freehold hotels for most of his adult life, until in 1911 he built a house on South St. In the spring of 1913, two months after the chartering of Freehold Council, he married, at the age of 47, Miss Mary Jones.

His retirement didn't last long. In January, 1914, along with Edward Simonson and Joseph Donahay, he formed the Freehold Amusement Company. Within a year, the company owned all three movie theatres in Freehold. In 1920, it assumed proprietorship of the Belmont Hotel.

While a charter member of the Council, there is little evidence that he was a particularly active member, though he did serve as a floor aide at one of the early Easter Monday Balls. His influence, though, is shown in other ways. The fact that the Council was able to use the Armory for many of its social events may be in part due to his former ownership. It is possible, though not certain, that he owned the building where the Knights held their meetings, today the Esquire Smoke and News Shop at 4 East Main St. In the 1920's, the Knights used the Strand Theater which he most certainly operated, for some of their amateur theatricals.

James McNinnie died on February 6, 1927 at St. Francis Hospital in Trenton, leaving his widow, but no children.

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Meetings

Second and Fourth Thursday
8:00 PM Sharp

**Stan J. Buraczynski, GK
Grand Knight**

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Calendar of Events (All events at Freehold Council unless otherwise noted.)

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| Jun 8...Council meeting and election of officers, 8:00 pm. | cation tbd. |
| Jun 8...General Columbian Club meeting, immediately following Council. | Jul 13...Council meeting, 8:00 pm |
| Jun 11...Clam Bake, 7:00 to 10:00 pm. | Jul 21...Columbian Club Trustees meeting, 8:00 pm. |
| Jun 12...Yard Sale, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. | Aug 4...Fourth Degree meeting, 8:00 pm, location tbd. |
| Jun 12...Relay for Life, 3:00 pm to 7:00 am Sunday, at Freehold Racetrack. | Aug 10...Council meeting, 8:00 pm. |
| Jun 16...Columbian Club Trustees meeting, 8:00 pm. | Aug 18...Columbian Club Trustees meeting, 8:00 pm. |
| Jun 22...Council meeting, 8:00 pm. | Sep 1...Fourth Degree meeting, 8:00 pm, location tbd. |
| Jun 27...Council Picnic, 12:00 to 5:00 pm at Michael J. Tighe Park. | Sep 6...Labor Day |
| Jun 29...Golf Outing, 7:00 am at Knob Hill Golf Club. | Sep 14...Council meeting, 8:00 pm |
| Jul 7...Fourth Degree meeting, 8:00 pm, lo- | Sep 15...Columbian Club Trustees meeting, 8:00 pm |
| | Sep 21...Council meeting, 8:00 pm. |