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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE Edward Hudak GK

When I look back on the last two years serving as your Grand Knight, for some reason, one phrase stuck in my mind; "Labor of Love." The work that I have done these past years, and in fact the work that many of you have done right alongside me has been done as a "labor of love." This phrase, "labor of love," appears in the Bible in both Thessalonians and Hebrews. In the Catholic tradition, the phrase can be interpreted to mean "work that is demanding and requires intense effort, and may even involve pain. It can also refer to productive work that is done voluntarily without the expectation of material reward or compensation."

That's it then in a nutshell! None of us expect reward or compensation. We do the work of this Council, which at times is quite demanding, without any expectations whatsoever of receiving accolades or compensation. We stand on street corners, parking lots, and in the backs of churches collecting money and food for various charities which our Council supports without seeking anything for ourselves. Our joy comes knowing that we are doing work that will benefit those less fortunate than us.

God keeps record of every good work and every labor of love you do in His name. In Hebrews 6:9-11 (Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition)⁹ "Though we speak thus, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things that belong to salvation."¹⁰ For God is not so unjust as to overlook your work and the love which you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do.¹¹ And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness in realizing the full assurance of hope until the end." God keeps record of every good work and every labor of love we do in His name and God does not forget the labors of love we do for Him, but so many people today forget God; and that is dangerous.

So, remember Brothers, you don't have to do something big or spectacular for God to take notice. He remembers everything you do from your heart, whether it is big or small. Thank you all for your faith in me, having me as your Grand Knight for the past two years. I am confident that I am stepping down with the Council in a good place, with good leadership and a strong core. I look forward to continuing to assist in many of our fundraising events and plan to continue to attend our meetings. After all, this "labor of love" is still in my heart.

Vivat Jesus!

SUMMER FUN - Deacon Rolf Friedman

Summer is upon us and we are hopefully taking advantage of this time with outdoor activities to enjoy some precious time with our families. The weather plays a major part in our summer activities and sometimes limits outdoor activities. Regardless, the kids and grandkids are on vacation and ready to have some fun whether it's in sport activities, traveling, beach time, BBQs, hiking, camping and more....or basically just spending some relaxing time with the family or friends. After all, isn't this what it's all about - to relax and enjoy the season and being with family and our friends? It's time to have some fun....

But this shouldn't mean that we lose sight of who we are as Knights. Perhaps this can provide us the opportunity to show them who we are as Knights. Also, it can provide a great opportunity to be more engaged in Knight activities and perhaps include some family members by showing them, the role we play in our community.

Being a Knight, we should always remember

that "we are out there in the community" and as such we lead by example. It's especially "tough" during the summer months when we find ourselves relaxing some rules that we live by - like going to Mass on Sundays and receiving our Lord. Instead, we come up with excuses not to attend. Perhaps, because it's inconvenient or interferes with our travel or beach time plans. We must remain faithful!

While we are on the subject of Mass during the summer months let's not forget to wear respectful clothing - not flip flops or inappropriate beach attire at Mass in the house of God! Remember, we aren't celebrating the Mass at a BBQ or the beach. This disrespect may confuse the younger generation in treating Mass as just another activity and miss the entire point of going to Mass.

So, remember to have lots of fun during this time by relaxing and spending more time with our families but also remember that we remain examples of Christian brotherhood within our community. **Vivat Jesus!**

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEWS - Chris Barnett

Fellow Knights, by the time this goes to print and distribution, the last of Winter will hopefully be behind us. I'm beginning to see some signs outside of Fellow Knights, the warmer weather is here with a bang, and I hope all my fellow brothers are looking forward to Summer 2024. And with the beginning of Summer, soon comes the end of the 2023-2024 Columbian Year. We as a council have many reasons to be proud. First and foremost are the great works of charity we did in giving back to our community and causes with \$44,000 of assistance. With 400 members, that's roughly \$110 per Knight and if more of our brothers became actively involved, think how much more we could do. But for my fellow brothers who continuously support our council day in and day out, I would like to thank you for your dedication to both our community and each other. For those brothers who are not as involved, please get involved and you will find a transformation happening within you starting with making new friends, learning new things and simply feeling good about what you and we do. I am also proud of the numerous awards our council achieved this year culminating in what we hope to be Star Council (1672). A

special congrats to Ed Hudak as our Grand Knight for leading us in those efforts. As I look back at our past year, many events come to mind, both social and charity. These activities help strengthen both our internal relationships as Council Brothers but also our ties to the community. In reviewing our donation records, we gifted to 27 different organizations this year. That is awesome!! My favorite continues to be our Canning Drive which I took over this past year from Doug LeRoy. The Semi-annual Canning Drive has all the elements of involvement starting with sign-up sheets to standing in the streets meeting our local community, collecting and counting the money and then distributing funds to (in the case of our just completed Spring 2024 Drive) to Monmouth ARC, over \$3,000. Coming up, we have our 4th annual car show. Seems like yesterday when we had our first show. Get involved Brothers in as many activities as you can. You will not be disappointed.

I'd like to close with a prayer and a thank you. First the thank you. I'd like to thank Ed Hudak for both his leadership and dedication to our Council for these past two Columbian

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CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro, Director

Explaining the Supreme Court Abortion Medication Ruling

The Supreme Court ruled unanimously this past June 13th to preserve access to the widely used abortion medication mifepristone, also known as Mifeprex, Korlym, and RU-486. The case could've restricted access to mifepristone, including in states where abortion is legal, and impacted the federal drug approval process.

Instead, the justices ruled that anti-abortion doctors who brought the case lacked the legal right to sue because they don't prescribe or use the drug, and the Food and Drug Administration is not requiring them to do so. In the court's opinion, Justice Brett Kavanaugh wrote, "Under Article III of the Constitution, a plaintiff's desire to make a drug less available *for others* does not establish standing to sue."

The case centered on the FDA's rules for prescribing and distributing mifepristone, including steps taken to expand access, like making the medication available by mail. The plaintiffs argued these steps jeopardized women's health. However, the FDA maintains the drug is safe and major complications are rare. Mifepristone was approved by the FDA in 2000 and the pill was used in nearly two-thirds of all abortions in the U.S. last year.

Alliance for Defending Freedom Senior Counsel Erin Morrow Hawley, the attorney who represented anti-abortion advocates before the court, said they were disappointed by the decision but they still see a path

forward to "restore commonsense safeguards for the abortion drug." "We're hopeful that the FDA will be held to account for putting politics above women's health," she said in a press conference after the ruling. Hawley said a legal challenge from three states could be one avenue to restore restrictions.

The ruling marks the first time the Supreme Court has ruled on the abortion issue since overturning federal protections two years ago. The conservative-leaning bench is expected to rule on another case challenging the legality of Idaho's abortion ban in the coming weeks.

It comes as polls suggest abortion remains a powerful motivator, especially for Democratic voters, in the presidential election. In a statement after the ruling, President Joe Biden said, "Today's decision does not change the fact that the fight for reproductive freedom continues. It does not change the fact that the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* two years ago, and women lost a fundamental freedom. It does not change the fact that the right for a woman to get the treatment she needs is imperiled if not impossible in many states." Former President Donald Trump, the presumptive Republican nominee, didn't comment on the ruling during remarks on Capitol Hill on Thursday.

As a consequence of the Court's decision, mifepristone can continue to be mailed to patients, requiring only a telehealth interview without an in-person doctor visit.

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DGK VIEWS (Continued) - Chris Barnett


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Years. I'm sure I speak on behalf of the entire Council, in thanking him for his service as Grand Knight.

I pray that all of you and your families have a healthy, happy and relaxing Summer. But stay alert to our council emails keeping you informed on our happenings.

God Bless!!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER, 28, 2024
 For K of C Council 1672's 4TH Annual
BLESSED CAR SHOW
 At Co-Cathedral St. Robert Bellarmine



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso

Welcome to summer. The end of the 2023 - 2024 Columbian year is now over. The weather at the time of this writing appears to be warming up, and days are longer! Congratulations to the new council officers for 2024-2025.

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 may be interested in these numbers. The Columbian year 2023 - 2024 dues collection has finally ended. This year, we had one man that chose not to continue his membership in our order. Although we did have five men that withdrew from the council and three that have transferred to other councils.

We completed this year's billing cycle at 99% of membership paid. Current membership numbers at this writing stand at 374 + 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 405. Despite having a gain of eighteen men, (*both new and transfers in*) we still lost five men from last year's numbers. We had nine brothers that passed. May they all rest in peace. Since last year's Compass, of these 405, 21 are Honorary members, (*at least 65 years old and twenty-five continuous years of service, down one from last year*) 83 are Honorary Life members, (*at least 70 years old and 25 continuous years of service up 3 from last year*) and 82 are 4th degree members. Remember too, that if you are a 4th degree member and are suspended from the council you are also suspended from the 4th degree regardless of if your dues are paid in the 4th degree. In

addition, we still have 9 Brothers that are nonagenarians (*men that are 90 - 99 years of age with the oldest turning 101 in July*). May God bless them and give them longer life!! Lastly of the 374 men, 347 are in NJ, 2 in Co, 4 in Del, 11 in Florida, 2 in Georgia, 1 in Illinois, 1 in NY, 2 in Pa, 1 in Tennessee, 2 in Texas, and finally 1 in Virginia. You can see that our brothers are scattered around the country in 11 different states. Looks like a bunch are down in Sunny Florida!

Revenue for this Columbian year, from June of 2023 - Dec of 2023 = \$38,640.85 and from Jan 2024 through almost the End of June (*remember this is being written mid-June*) we have Revenue of \$17,105.36 for a Grand total of \$55,746.21. I am looking for some nice numbers on the Baby Bottle Boomerang Fund raiser which is not complete as of this writing. We collected almost 11K last year!

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 2024. I look forward to our new Columbian year, having another record-breaking year for our Fund raisers!

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE - Spencer Purdum, PGK, FDD

Between May 23 to 25, six brothers and I decorated over 260 graves of deceased brothers at St. Rose of Lima Cemetery. Prior to that I placed about twenty flags at nearby cemeteries - Maplewood, Old Tennant, etc. Over the course of 111 years, almost 450 of our members have passed away. Many of them are buried in other states, and not a few have no recorded burial sites. However, honoring those who have been laid to rest locally is a fraternal activity of which our Council should be proud. My thanks to Brian Barrett, PGK; Gino

Iacovella, PGK; Dan Dawidowicz, Jim Meyer, Frank Svoboda and Ed Hudak, (*soon to be*) PGK for their assistance in covering St. Rose of Lima Cemetery. My thanks also to the staff at St. Rose Cemetery, who over the past year have allowed me to locate nearly all of the graves of our departed Brothers - a vast improvement over previous years when we missed fifty or more graves. Finally, my thanks to the Council which has steadfastly supported the purchase of the K of C grave flags at no small cost.

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.

The three upcoming events are Olde Freehold Day, Saturday, August 3, at Lake Topenemus, the annual Car Show on Saturday, September 28, at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine and monthly Breakfasts are back. The next one is scheduled for Sunday, September 22. Food preparation at all these events are Columbian Club fundraisers. Volunteers are needed for cooking, serving, cashiering, etc.

I would like to thank all that helped with the Spring clean up of the property. Speaking of cleaning, 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 security for rentals. Training is provided and these are paid positions.

Remember the Columbian Club Hall is available to rent at discount to all Brother Knights in good standing. Think about it for your next event, birthday or anniversary party, etc., and call Lester ay (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 bar proceeds go directly to support of the building. Keep a look out for emails and postings about Friday night events at the Pub such as live music, bar bingo, etc.

CHANCELLOR’S COMMENTS - Pat Facchini

Summer has arrived and like me, I’m sure you are all looking forward to enjoying the warm weather and summer activities. Having kicked off the summer with our recent participation in the Memorial Day Parade, “Lest We Forget” those who made the ultimate sacrifice. I thank all of you who have served in the service of our country.

As I close out my second and last year serving as Chancellor, my sincere thanks to everyone who supported our membership drives, sponsored members and welcomed and encouraged our new brothers to become active members of our council. I’m happy to report that in the past year we have had 12 new brothers participate in the CUF degree ceremony as well as 4 others who joined our

council as transfers or returning members. The success of the last two years only happens when brothers take an active roll in building our membership.

I wish to congratulate our incoming Chancellor Brother Tom LoBocchiaro. We will all again need to commit to building our membership by supporting Tom in his new role. Our Council has so much to offer in both our charitable work, supporting our parishes and communities, social activities and the camaraderie we all share. I believe this is what draws new members to us and encourages them to become active members of our council.

I wish you and your families a safe and wonderful Summer.



ARC GIFT

Council 1672 presenting Monmouth ARC with two checks totaling \$3,200.⁰⁰ collected from our Canning Drive on April 20th.

(left - right) Ed Hudak, GK - Margie London, ARC Rec. Director, - Chris Barnett, DGK - Brian Barrett, PGK

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S DESK - Louis Di Bello-DD27

Catholic Brotherhood Changing the World

We have now ended another Columbian year and as we look back we can be proud of the many great things we have done. These good works go back in time at your council and many of these have been performed in past years. This is the foundation of your Council 1672. It has been due to the leadership and

members participation in so many events. Something we are all proud of.

I want to thank the outgoing officers for all their efforts this past year and wish the incoming officers the very best for another great year.

Vivat Jesus !



WRITERS AND SCHOLARS

Congratulations to this year's Council 1672 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest winners.

#1- Carsyn Slicner, received a Certificate and \$100 gift card

#2- Elianna Solano, received a Certificate and \$75 gift card

#3- Jaqueline Garcia-Leon, received a Certificate and \$50 gift card

Carsyn Slicner also received a leather bound text of the novel "Moby Dick", a gift from Brother Frank Aburto, PGK - an additional prize for winning.

The essay theme was "How Should the Catholic Church Evangelize in the Digital Age?"

The winners this year were all 8th Graders from St. Rose of Lima School. Their essays may be viewed on our council's website, council1672.org.

Congratulations to winners of Council 1672's Catholic High School Scholarship Program. They are Allison McAndrew, Nicholas Franchini and Alexis Sinatra. Each is awarded \$1,000.⁰⁰ scholarship towards the tuition of the Catholic High School they are attending. They are all St. Robert Bellarmine parishioners. To qualify the 8th grade applicants had to submit an application including their grades, community service, letters of reference and a short essay on the importance of the Catholic Faith in continuing their education. Alexis Sinatra was unable to attend the presentation.



WRITERS (left-right) Carsyn Slicner, Elianna Solano, Jaqueline Garcia-Leon, Mike La Rosa-Essay-Chairman, Steven Kadulich-Essay Judge



SCHOLARS (left-right) Ed Hudak-GK, Allison McAndrew, Nicholas Franchini, Father Leo, Thomas Fulciniti-Scholarship Chairman

2024 SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Item	Location	Time
JULY			
3	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650, Rosary 7:30pm	Marlboro Council	8:30 pm
4	Independence Day		All Day
9	Council Business Meeting CANCELLED		
22	Father O'Connor Golf Tournament	Battleground CC	8:30 am
23	Council Business Meeting - Speaker on NEC	Council Main Hall	8 pm
25	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
AUGUST			
1	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
3	Olde Freehold Day - Columbian Club Event	Lake Topanemus	12 - 5 pm
13	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
13	Blessed Michael McGivney Feast Day		All Day
15	Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary	Holy Day Obligation	All Day
22	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
27	Officers Planning Meeting CANCELLED		
SEPTEMBER			
? TBD ?	Oren Carrol Mem. KofC Golf Tournament	Fort Dix	8 am
2	Labor Day		All Day
5	4th Degree Meeting - Assembly 650,	? TBD ?	8 pm
10	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8 pm
14	K of C Canning Drive	Meet In Pub & Local Strs	9 am - 1 pm
15	SRB Parish Picnic - Prepare Food	St. Robert Bellarmine	? TBD ?
24	Council Planning Meeting - Install Officers	Council Main Hall	8 pm
26	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	8 pm
26	Pride in Priest Dinner	South Gate Manor	6 pm
28	Blessed Car Show	St. Robert Bellarmine	11 am - 4 pm

COUNCIL 1672 AWARD'S NIGHT PHOTOS

DD27, Lou Di Bello gives GK, Ed Hudak Star Council Plaque



PGK, Chris Barnett gets gavel from GK, Ed Hudak

GK, Ed Hudak gives Pat Facchini Knight of Year Award



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AFTER THOUGHTS - Mike La Rosa

Recently I heard a homily on Catholic radio and the priest recounted that when civilization was beginning, people made gods from the things that they needed and liked. As an example, there was a sun god, a god of fertility, a rain god, a god of war, a god of good harvest, etc. They prayed to their many gods and idolized them. Religion was born.

Then as civilization progressed people realized that these so called gods were not to be adored at all. The Jews were some of the first to believe and acknowledge that there was only a single God. He was a holy God who gave them rules to live by, who loved them and protected them.

Then God sent His only son to the Jews, Jesus arrived. He gave the people more details about God, His Father and the Holy Spirit. He tweaked the rules a bit, teaching them that they must love God above all else and their neighbor

as themselves. He chose the Apostles and created the Catholic Church. Much has happened since then.

That is basically the gist of the sermon that I listened to a few weeks ago. You may have even heard it. Well it made me think about the old saying, "*The more things change, the more they stay the same.*" It seems that people haven't really changed that much. Today there seems to be many so called gods for the people to adore. How about the cell phone god? Big TV god, best car god, saving the earth god, one's own ego / pride god and then there is always (the big one), the money god.

Has civilization really progressed in knowledge? Or have we drastically regressed in knowledge?

There is only one GOD.