



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREEHOLD COUNCIL 1672

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE William "Chris" Barnett

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Dear Brother Knights,

I'm told the Spring 2025 Compass edition will publish several weeks 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. I will be appointing a Nominating Committee, and that committee will be working to assemble a slate of officers for the 2025-2026 Columbian Year. Elections will be scheduled for our June 10th Council Business Meeting. Since the beginning of January, the Council has been very busy with many activities. Our big event in January was our PGK Dinner with special guest Ed Hudak who survived his trial even with a difficult judge (Brian Barrett) and Jury (all who attended). Many laughs were had by all and I'm sure Ed will remember that night for a long time to come. Also in January, we started a monthly Rosary led by Brother Walt Pehowich. Attendance has been good and I'm hopeful that even more brothers will participate in the months to come. We kicked off February with the Basketball Free throw challenge and a CUF degree for new Brothers joining the Council several of whom have been very active since their joining. We also celebrated our Council's 112th birthday!!

With the start of March, we entered the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday on March 5th and the beginning of Forty Cans for Lent Canned Food Drive each Saturday Morning as well as our 40 Days for Life Rosary hour in front of Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury each Friday at 10am. We also had our Spring Membership Drive the weekend of March 8th and 9th with five prospective knights signing up. Several of our new Knights from February are engaging both at Council meetings and events and I'm especially happy with their involvement. A special thank you to them and to all the brothers who remain committed to the Council and their support of our activities. Regarding Charity support, our Council remains on target with consistent year over year support of local charities. I hope all had a great time at our Columbian Club party following the Saint Patrick's Day Parade on March 16th as well as on March 17th. The food was fantastic, all appeared to enjoy and a big thank you to all the brothers who assisted and / or stopped by to support the event. Please mark your calendars for upcoming activities including Palm Cross Sales on March 29th and 30th, Spring Canning Drive on April 12th (9am thru 1pm) in the streets of Freehold benefiting Monmouth ARC, CPR class on Tuesday, April 29th and the Baby Bottle Boomerang on May 11th.

Please come out support these activities.

Chris Barnett
Grand Knight
VIVAT JESUS!



Deacon Rolf – Is it that time... Already?

No sooner do we celebrate the Gift of Jesus in our lives, that we have ashes placed on our foreheads, to remind us of where we came from. Then, begins the season of Lent where we prepare ourselves for His suffering, death and resurrection.

Are we ready?

As Knights we spend a lot of our time in service to others in so many ways. This is a big commitment on our part, and we do so, enthusiastically. And we are blessed for it. However, there may be a price to pay because in so doing, we may end up neglecting ourselves and our families.

As Springtime is upon us with warmer weather and longer days, we can use this time to take stock of who we are as men of Christ and our role as Knights. And we should ask ourselves.... Are we taking enough time for ourselves? Do we have an active prayer life? Are we going to Mass regularly and receiving the Holy Eucharist? How are we doing as husband and father? Do we set a good example for our family?

If you believe that there may be room for improvement, then, this may be the best time to make that some extra time for ourselves and spend more quality time with family and those around us. And most of all, remember to be thankful for all that we have been blessed with.

But, most importantly for us as Knights, let's not forget that it is 'in giving that we receive'. The benefits we receive from helping others as well as maintaining a good prayer life helps to keep us focused on our ultimate goal.

And, that is to be with Christ who suffered and died for us on the cross and rose from the dead on Easter Sunday so that we all could be saved and be with Him forever.

Deacon Rolf Friedmann

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. Recently our Worthy Grand Knight initiated praying of the Rosary before our monthly Planning meeting. Prayer has always been a central aspect of the Knights of Columbus; we invite all members to join the Council Rosary. Here's a look at the key events

happening this spring:

40 Days for Life campaign is currently on going. Our Knights gather every Friday through April 11th from 10 AM to 11AM at Planned Parenthood, to pray the Rosary in our fight to protect the unborn.

Our Lenten Food Drive is held every Saturday from 9 AM to 12 AM at our council through April

19th. The non-perishable food collected will benefit local food pantry.

March 19/20 Palm Cross sales at all masses at St Rose and St Roberts.

April 12th from 9 AM to 1 PM is our Charities Canning Drive.

As we enter Holy week this April; let us as Knights rejoice in the resurrection and deepen our commitment to living out the teachings of Christ.

May 10/11 Baby Bottle Boomerang at all masses at St Rose and St Roberts.

May 22/23 we will be placing American flags at the resting places of our departed brothers.

May 26th Freehold Memorial Day parade.

Your participation is vital to the success of all our events. Please consider joining us.

I wish you and your families a wonderful spring and blessed Easter.

Vivat Jesus

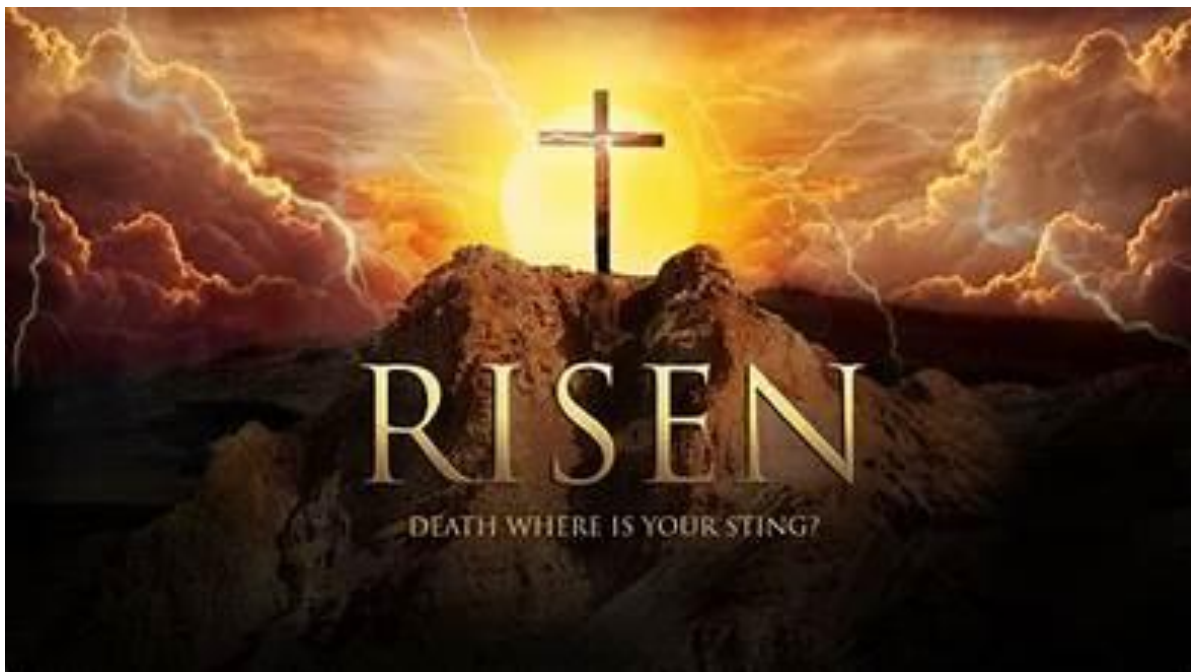
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CULTURE OF LIFE - Roger Zurro, Director

White House Marks ASH WEDNESDAY

I thought it was noteworthy to see The White House marking the start of Lent with a call to prayer and reflection, underscoring the administration's recognition of the spiritual significance of the season. Signed by President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump, the 151-word message was posted on the White House website. And of interesting note as well, the Administration permitted a Catholic Mass to take place in the Indian Treaty Room in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building adjacent to the White House. "This Ash Wednesday, we join in prayer with the tens of millions of American Catholics and other Christians beginning the holy season of Lent—a time of spiritual anticipation of the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. During the Lenten season, Christians spend 40 days and 40 nights praying, fasting, and giving alms to deepen faith and strengthen belief in the Gospel. Today, followers of Christ wear crosses of ash on their foreheads—a sacred reminder of our mortality and our enduring need for Christ's infinite mercy and redeeming love. As we solemnly contemplate Jesus Christ's suffering and death on the cross this Lent, let us prepare our souls for the coming glory of the Easter miracle. May Almighty God bless you, and may he continue to bless the United States of America."



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 2025 is ending. Intent to Retain letters has gone out.
 This is the last step in the Dues Collection, Retention process. Membership at this writing stands at 378 members; of which 26 are Honorary and 86 are Honorary Life members.
 To those of you that paid your dues, THANK YOU!
 Thirty-One members are still in arrears as of this writing and were notified by the Retention committee. We are at 89% of collections. If you are one of the 31, PLEASE send me your dues ASAP to avoid suspension. You can use Venmo, Kofc1672FS@gmail.com. If it appears not to work, keep reading.
 You might get an error saying that this email cannot be found. If you TAP the error message another screen will come up that reads PAY or REQUEST.
 From here, tap the Pay or Request on the top of the screen and it will allow you to type the amount in and TAP Pay. 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. This year you can also Use Zelle by using the same email address Kofc1672FS@gmail.com
 You can also mail a check to my home at 361 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 31 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 NJ 07728

George Ferriso
 Financial Secretary
 Knights of Columbus
 Freehold Council 1672

COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS - Dan Dawidowicz

I wish all my Brother Knights a Holy and Happy Easter and may God Bless you and your families. May you stay safe and healthy whatever you do for the rest of the year. First, I would like to give thanks to the Knights, parishioners of St. Rose and St. Robert's and the people from the Freehold Area, for your support at our St. Patrick's Day corned beef dinners and the 50/50 raffle. A special thanks to our cooks, bartenders, and the Knights and their wives who helped set up, serve food, collected money, sold 50/50 tickets, cleaned up or helped with whatever was needed. The two-day fundraiser was a fantastic success because of all the support.

For all new members, welcome to our council. To help explain the function of the Freehold Columbian Club and the best reason for joining the Columbian Club, is that we are a separate organization from the Knights of Columbus 1672. We collect separate dues and our meetings are on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. We are the home base for the Knights and we support Council

1672 by providing a clean, safe, functioning environment for all the Knight's functions. We ensure the building and grounds are maintained in good condition. We want members who use this building to feel proud of their Council home base and visitors who come to events to come away impressed. We also support the local community and organizations by donating the use of the building to groups such as American Red Cross, Holiday Express, Boy Scouts, Freehold Hibernians, Catholic Daughters Court 737, and others. We are in the process of remodeling the bathrooms and upgrading the unsafe conditions of the electrical system. Our monthly breakfasts are going well. We see many new faces and families attending each month. The omelets chefs are attracting a large fan following. Our breakfasts are usually on the fourth Sunday of the month. Look for the flyer for our Cinco de Mayo Dinner fundraiser on Friday, May 2, 7 pm. There will plenty of traditional food, music and cash bar. Reservations are required please call Ed Hudak (908) 839-2160. Wednesday and Friday nights the Pub Bar at The Columbian Club is open. Stop on by and meet old friends and new.

Dan Dawidowicz Columbian Club President (Home of the Freehold 1672 Knights of Columbus)

DISTRICT DEPUTY' S DESK - Louis Di Bello-DD27

Here we are in the final few months to the close of the Columbian year. There has been much to be proud of looking back to all the good works this Council has accomplished. Now that spring is here bringing better weather; we have an opportunity to complete some of the programs we have on the calendar to complete before the year end. To complete the requirements for the Star Council award we need an addition of 8 new members as of our last meeting. We must aggressively pursue this in the short time left. I know this is not a task this council takes lightly and I am confident you will find the way. Please share any thoughts or ideas with the Council leadership you may have for this.

PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS



O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
 look favorably on your servant Francis,
 whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;
 grant, we pray, that by word and example
 he may be of service to those over whom he presides
 so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
 he may come to everlasting life.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever. Amen.



After the 2025 St, Patrick's Day Parade in Freehold, Irish Dignitaries from Dublin, Ireland presented Freehold 1672 Council a Certificate of Appreciation for our support of the parade over the years!

St Patrick's Day 2025
 Brother Knights waiting for the 50/50
 Drawing for the Columbian Club of
 Freehold
 1st Prize winner \$5,808.00
 2nd Prize \$1,161.60
 3rd Prize \$290.40
 Congratulations to all!



Freehold 1672 Council
 Grand Knight with Past Grand Knights
 Posing at Ed's Hudak's at Past Grand
 Knights Dinner

Past Grand Knight Ed Hudak was
 presented a Proclamation by Deputy
 Mayor Leston Preston of Freehold
 Township for Ed Hudak day on
 January 26th 2025



APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 2025 Calendar of Events

April 2025			
3	4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Council Hall	7:30pm
4	40 Days for Life - Planned Parenthood	69 E. Newman Springs Rd. Shrewsbury	10-11am
5	40 Cans for Lent Canned Food Drive	Council Parking Lot	9-12noon
8	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8PM
10	Fraternal Benefit Seminars	Side Room Lounge	TBA
11	40 Days for Life - Planned Parenthood	69 E. Newman Springs Rd. Shrewsbury	10-11am
12	40 Cans for Lent Canned Food Drive	Council Parking Lot	9-12noon
12	K of C Charities Canning Drive	Freehold Borough	9am-1pm
13	<i>Palm Sunday</i>		
17	<i>Holy Thursday</i>		
18	<i>Good Friday - The Passion of the Lord</i>		
19	<i>Holy Saturday</i>		
20	<i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>		
24	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room-Council	7:30PM
27	<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>		
27	Columbian Club Community Breakfast	Council Hall	8am-11:30am
29	CPR Certification and Social Time	Council Main Hall	7:30PM
May 2025			
1	4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Council Hall	7:30pm
8	Fraternal Benefit Seminars	Side Room Lounge	TBA
10-11	Baby Bottle Boomerang	SRB/SRL	All Masses
11	<i>Mother's Day</i>		
13	Council Business Meeting	Council Main Hall	8PM
22	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room-Lounge	730PM
22-23	K of C Flags for Departed Bros.	SRL Cemetery+	TBA
26	Freehold Memorial Day Parade/Luncheon		
27	Officer's Planning Meeting - Guest Speaker	Council Main Hall	8PM
29	<i>Ascension of Jesus</i>		
June 2025			
5	4th Degree Meeting-Assembly 650	Side Room - Council	7:30pm
8	Knights Mass	SRB	10am Mass
8	Knights Breakfast after mass TBD	Side Room-Lounge	11:30 am
10	Council Meeting - Elections	Council Main Hall	8PM
14	<i>Flag Day</i>		
14-15	Baby Bottle Boomerang	SRB/SRL	All Masses
15	<i>Father's Day</i>		
24	Council Awards for 2024-2025	Council Main Hall	8PM
26	Columbian Club Meeting	Side Room - Lounge	7:30PM

SAVE-A-DATE, MONDAY, MAY 26th 2025-Memorial Day Parade and Luncheon

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Meetings

Second and Fourth Tuesdays
8:00 PM Sharp

**William “Chris” Barnett
Grand Knight**

**Gino Iacovella
PGK & Editor**

MAIL TO:

P-G-Korner Editor Comments – Gino Iacovella

Several years ago, when I was our councils Membership Director and Chancellor, a gentleman came up to me and asked me ‘what are the Knights all about?’ I said we were a Catholic organization of men who followed four basic principles of our Founder, Michael J McGivney founded in 1882. Charity, Unity, Fraternity and lastly Patriotism. I then mentioned, we raise money for local charities and needy organizations. The only question he then asked me, when is the bar open? Do we just join because our drinks are less expensive than the Elks, American Legion or the Metropolitan Grill? Do we just come to meetings to get a hot meal afterwards? I hope not. These events are a form of Fraternity but do they count for acts of Charity and helping the needy in our community?

Our council has over 400 members. On a monthly basis, we have what we call is the CORE 30. About 30 Worthy Brothers who follow all CORE Principles. We see them at all fund raisers, we see them in church as lectors, ushers and Eucharist Ministers. We see them at Pro-Life marches. We see them cooking and cleaning at councils meeting and events.

To be a Knight is to get involved. We don’t need to be there “all the time”.

Some Brothers just help once a year at a Can Drive for the Special Needs of Monmouth Arc or Coats for Kids. Some we see supporting our breakfasts and recently at St Patrick’s Corn Beef Lunch and dinners.

The key is to get involved in some form or another and follow in the footsteps of our founder Blessed Michael J McGivney.

May God Bless You!

Gino Iacovella
Editor

