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Grand Knights Message for May

Brothers and family members of our St Andrews council, I hope everyone had a wonderful and joyous Easter as we begin the month of Mary our Blessed Mother.

We finished our Lenten fish fries on April 11th. Thanks to all our Brothers and wives who pitched in to help, and a special thanks to PGK Frank Panzino who chaired this event once again this Lent year.

This year you may see our Brothers out collecting for our annual "Intellectually Disabled Fund Drive" at the Avenel firehouse on Friday and Saturday, April 25th and 26th. This worthy fund is a success due to our Brother Knights who come out for four hours each day and give their time and energy for this worthy cause. Thank you PGK Joe Kraus who once again has run this event and helped make it a success each year.

The next day on Sunday, April 27th, our council is having our "Shields Award" mass and award presentation honoring the worthy recipients in the Woodbridge Police Dept., Avenel Fire Dept. and the Avenel-Colonia First Aid Squad. The Shield Awards will be presented back at our council after a continental breakfast at 11am. Thanks to DGK Bill Unger for co-chairing this event and thanking our Brother Knight and Councilman Cory Spillar for his work with contacts in these three departments. The Shield Awards are given for outstanding service for the nominated individuals for "Officer of the Year" and "Firefighter of the Year" and "EMT of the Year". I personally thank these men and all other first responders for their dedication and service each and every day to our community.

The K of C State Convention comes again this year in Wildwood from May 14 to May 18. PGK Jim Farese and PGK Al Favale will be representing our council.

We had a great year in recruitment of new members thanks to our Membership Director PGK Tom Botti. He has done an outstanding job as our "Knight of the Year" for bringing in new members to our council. Recent new Brothers in the past two or three months are as follows: Gary Sutphen, David Morales, Kurt Baumgarten, Jan Rasimowicz and Sean Lacko. Welcome aboard to our new Brothers.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus

GK Mike



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Columbian Year 2024-2025

Council Officers

Grand Knight	Curtis (Mike) Daley 732-388-6050 908-227-9277
Chaplain	Fr David Kosmoski 732-634-4355
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Unger 732-634-6126
Chancellor	PGK Tom Botti 908-930-1859
Financial Secretary	PGK Frank Buczynski 732-887-5501 pgkfrank@gmail.com
Recording Secretary	PGK John Hugelmeyer
Treasurer	PGK Joe Kraus
Advocate	PGK Frank Pelzman
Warden	David Kearney
Guards	Michael Caracappa Javier Huerta
Trustees	3yr PGK Al Favale 2yr PGK Frank Panzino 1yr PGK Anthony Fazioli

Council Directors

Membership	PGK Tom Botti
Program	FDD/PGK Greg Schmitt
Church Activities	FDD/PGK Greg Schmitt
Lecturer	PGK Dennis Rinaldi
Family	PGK Tom Botti
Fraternal Activities	PGK Eric Potyrala 732-634-8620
Community	PGK Frank Pelzman

Remember to Call

Death of Member or Member's Family	PGK Jim Farese 732-331-5651 or GK Mike Daley
Sick or Hospitalized Member	PGK Eric Potyrala

Board of Governors

President	PGK Jim Farese 732-331-5651
Vice President	FDD/PGK Greg Schmitt 732-397-4907
Treasurer	Robert Indyke
Secretary	PGK Tom Botti
Past Grand Knights	PGK Joe Gornicz PGK Frank Panzino PGK Al Favale
Trustees	3yr PGK Carmine Farese 2yr Peter Orazi 1yr PGK Dennis Rinaldi
Third Degree	Joseph Jacob Mark Haidacher Anthony Joe Jesse DeLuca Chris Growney
Grand Knight	Mike Daley
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Unger
Honorary Members	PGK/PFN Phil Svoboda PGK Hank Werte

Chairman

Oasis	Cory Spillar 732-236-4501
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Payroll Chairman	
Building Maintenance	Joe Jacob

Important Phone Numbers

Council Home	732-636-9696
Booking Agent	732-675-1173
Insurance Agent Office	732-955-6730
Jim Fischetti Cell No.	917-573-9751
Bulletin	FDD/PGK John Scioscia 732-221-3436 Jscioscia913@gmail.com



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Calendar of Events

May

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|-------|------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Council Meeting | 8pm |
| | (Bring Rosary to Meeting) | |
| 6 | Convention Meeting | 7:30pm |
| 11 | Mothers Day | |
| 14-18 | Convention at Wildwood | |
| 22 | Officers Planning Meeting | 8pm |
| | (Please note change of date) | |
| 26 | Memorial Day | |
| 29 | Board of Governors Meeting | 8pm |

June

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| 5 | Council Meeting | 8pm |
| | (Election of Officers) | |
| 5 | Columbian Club Biannual Mtg | After Council |
| | (Election of Board Members) | Meeting |
| 14 | Flag Day | |
| 15 | Fathers Day | |
| 19 | Officers Planning Meeting | 8pm |
| 26 | Board of Governors Meeting | 8pm |

Deceased Members for May

	MANUEL CORREIA	1963
	DOMINIC PICHALSKI	1973
H	JOHN SWETITS	1978
	JOHN JACOBS	1980
	ROCCO SALVIA	1982
	ALBERT PLEVA, PGK	1983
H	ROBERT MC LAIN, PFN	1984
H	PATRICK A. COOGAN	1986
	CARL MANAKER	1987
	CHARLES A. FOX	1989
H	WILLIAM J. DONOHUE	1990
	STEPHEN KASPER	1994
	ANTHONY SOLDANO	1996
	VINCENZO (JIM) STIO JR.	1996
	WILLIAM BRAKE	1996
	FRANK R. TANGO	1997
	STANLEY KOROPATNICIC	2001
	JOHN PRZELOMSKI	2005
	GERALD WASYLUK	2006
	JOHN RASIMOWICZ	2006
	STANLEY J. KUPER, JR., PGK	2006
	GEORGE S. RYAN	2013
	LOUIS GALLO	2014
	CARMEN J PIRILLO, PGK	2018
	WILLIAM C HAMALAINEN	2018
	THOMAS T PALMER, PFN	2020



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Happy Birthday to

Rev Alan S Hall	05/01
Victor S Haidacher	05/06
Timothy Koutsaftes	05/06
Dennis E Brennan	05/08
GK Curtis M Daley	05/15
Craig Sowder	05/19
Thomas Costello	05/20
Michael J Kilkenny	05/21
Stephen A Joe	05/24
Anthony J Joe III	05/29
Richard A Bamburak	05/30
Anthony J Joe Jr	05/31

Fourth Degree News

Meeting Fourth Tuesday of the Month
Check with Faithful Navigator for Meeting
time and place

3' by 5' Flag kits with pole are available for
\$15.00

Contact: PFN Phil Svoboda (732)634-5820

Or PFN Mike Choma (732)259-3500

Or FN Ken Egan (908) 720-8073

Membership: The Fourth Degree is open to any
Third Degree member in good standing who is a
citizen of the United States.

*The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the
spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship
with a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective
countries through active membership in local Fourth
Degree groups called "Assemblies". Fourth Degree
members must retain their membership as a Third-Degree
member in their local council in order to remain in good
standing.*

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Brother Cory Spillar is the Councilman for
the Third Ward. Any Brother in the Third
Ward should feel free to contact him on
community matters at (732)236-4501.
Please feel free to pass this information
on the any residents who are in the Third
Ward.



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Columbian Club Corner

May is here and time is flying. We finally got our new chairs. Who would have thought that new chairs would make such a big difference? I would like to thank all who helped me bring the new chairs into the building and remove the old ones. Thank you to Jesse DeLuca, Pete Orazi, Anthony Joe, Bill Unger, Hank Haidacher, Eric Potyrala, Joe and Donna Kraus, Joann Gornicz, Kathy Panzino, and anyone else who helped out. I'm sorry if I missed anyone; it was a chaotic day.

I want to wish every mother a Happy Mother's Day - enjoy your day. To all the women who stand behind our members and let us do what we do down at the club to keep us moving forward, we truly appreciate you. May God bless.

Jimmy Farese

Convention Meeting

There will be an optional meeting to discuss our plans for the Wildwood Convention on May 6th at 7:30pm. All who are going to the Convention are welcome to attend this meeting.



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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE **ESSAY CONTEST**

The Scholarship Committee of St. Andrew's Council #5088 is currently conducting an essay contest open to all children and grandchildren of living or deceased members of our Council #5088 who are continuing their education beyond high school (High School seniors and older.)

This year's contest will be based on a 250-word composition entitled:

*"The Importance of Charity in Society.
Its Impact and Benefits"*

Anyone interested in applying for this scholarship should send their composition to: Grand Knight Mike Daley, 109 Morrissey Ave., Avenel, NJ 07001. The entries must be RECEIVED by June 9, 2025, and will be judged anonymously on originality and content. Please include your name, phone number, and relation to a St. Andrew's K of C member on a SEPARATE sheet. DO NOT type or sign your name to the essay so we may ensure the anonymity of your composition. A total of \$1,000.00 will be set aside for this contest from the Thomas G. Kunigonis Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Any questions may be directed to PGK Frank Pelzman (732)855-1184



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Knights of Columbus Slate of Officers 2025-2026

St Andrew Council 5088 Nominating Committee for the years 2025-2026 are proposing the following slate of Council Officers:

Grand Knight - (Curtis) Mike Daley

Deputy Grand Knight – Pete Orazi

Chancellor - PGK Tom Botti

Recording Secretary - PGK John Hugelmeyer

Treasurer - PGK Joe Kraus

Advocate - PGK Frank Pelzman

Warden – Pat Costello

Guards - Mike Caracappa

Javier Huerta

Dave Kearney

Trustees - 3-year PGK Eric Potyrala

The following are automatic since they were voted into these positions in prior elections.

Trustee – 2-year PGK Al Favale

Trustee – 1-year PGK Frank Panzino

Financial Secretary - PGK Frank Buczynski (Appointed by Supreme)

Submitted by PGK Jimmy Farese, PGK Frank Panzino, PGK Joe Gornicz, Pete Orazi, Pat Costello

This will be voted on June 5th at our Council Meeting.



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Columbian Club Slate of Officers

2025-2026

The Columbian Club Nominating Committee for the Columbian Year 2025-2026 is proposing the following slate of Board Members for the coming year.

President	PGK Jimmy Farese
Vice President	FDD/PGK Greg Schmitt
Treasurer	Robert Indyke
Secretary	PGK Al Favale
Past Grand Knights	PGK Dennis Rinaldi PGK Joe Gornicz PGK Frank Panzino
Trustees:	3 Year PGK Anthony Fazioli 1 Year Pat Costello
Third Degree	Joseph Jacob Mark Haidacher Anthony Joe Jesse DeLuca Andrew Curry
Grand Knight	Curtis (Mike) Daley (Automatic)
Deputy Grand Knight	Pete Orazi (Automatic)
Trustees	2 Year PGK Carmine Farese (Automatic)
	Honorary Members PGK/PFN Phil Svoboda PGK Hank Werte

This will be voted on at the June 5th Biannual Meeting

Submitted by PGK Carmine Farese, Pete Orazi, PGK Dennis Rinaldi

Columbian Club of Avenel

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