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Grand Knights Message for August

Brothers and family members of our council,

As we enter the dog days of summer, it reminds me of days gone by - days before AC, cell phones, colored TV and many other things we take for granted today. Maybe the good old days weren't really that good so let's all count our blessings for what we have today.

Before you know it, summer will be drawing to a close and our children and grandkids will be returning to school so let's enjoy the company and blessing of our family this summer.

This June we gave a total of \$2,500 through the Thomas G. Kunigonis Memorial Scholarship Fund with \$1,000 going to three essay contest winners and \$1,500 to three scholarship recipients at our three township high schools. Thanks to PGK Frank Pelzman for running this event for our council as he has done for years.

This month we celebrate the Feast of our Blessed Mother on August 15th. Also, on August 13th we remember our Knights founder Blessed Father Michael McGiveny on his feast day.

On August 16th we are having our annual Beef and Brew dinner. Details for dinner are within this News Letter. Before we know it, September will be here and we will be having the AC Bus Trip on Sept. 7th and our annual council picnic on Sept. 14th with more details within this News Letter.

Finally, we had our Installation of Officers ceremony on Sunday July 13th with our worthy DD Carl Agneta presiding over our ceremony and our Pastor and Chaplain Father David Kosmoski opening with the Invocation prayer and blessing.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus

GK Mike



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Columbian Year 2025-2026

Council Officers

Grand Knight	Curtis (Mike) Daley 732-388-6050 908-227-9277
Chaplain	Fr David Kosmoski 732-634-4355
Deputy Grand Knight	Pete Orazi
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	Pat Costello
Guards	Michael Caracappa Javier Huerta Dave Kearney
Trustees	3yr PGK Eric Potyrala 2yr PGK Al Favale 1yr PGK Frank Panzino

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 Al Favale
Past Grand Knights	PGK Joe Gornicz PGK Frank Panzino PGK Dennis Rinaldi
Trustees	3yr PGK Anthony Fazioli 2yr PGK Carmine Farese 1yr Pat Costello
Third Degree	Bill Unger Mark Haidacher Anthony Joe Jesse DeLuca Andrew Curry
Grand Knight	Mike Daley
Deputy Grand Knight	Pete Orazi
Honorary Members	PGK/PFN Phil Svoboda PGK Hank Werte

Chairman

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

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

August

7	Council Meeting	8pm
15	Feast of the Assumption	
16	Beef & Brew	5-10pm
21	Officers Planning Meeting	8pm
28	Board of Governors Meeting	8pm

September

1	Labor Day	
4	Council Meeting	8pm
7	Bus Trip to Harrah's AC	9:45am
14	Knights Picnic	1-6pm
18	Officers Planning Meeting	8pm
25	Board of Governors Meeting	8pm

Deceased Members for August

	JOHN ARMOUR SR.	1974
	JOSEPH AUGUSTA	1974
	JOSEPH FRAME, PGK	1980
	GABRIEL G. FARESE	1988
	ROBERT P. BRENNAN	1988
	PATRICK F. NARDONE SR.	1993
H	ARMAND J. TARSITANO	1993
	GEORGE J. BARDAR	1994
	JOHN E. KLUBENSPIES	1995
	WILBERT T. MESSLER	1996
	WALTER L. CHAPMAN	2000
	FRANCIS BLASH	2001
	WILLIAM T. LEAHY	2004
	STEVE RUSTICK	2004
	JOHN (JACK) SAFCHINSKY, PCCP	2006
	JOHN A. KUPER	2006
	WILLIAM J STECHER	2010
	WALTER L. GREINER	2012
	JOHN (JACK) B. DAYKE	2013
	CHRISTOPHER KRUPINSKI	2014
	STANLEY M. MOKRZYCKI	2016
	MARCELLE LATULIPPE, PFN	2019



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Happy Birthday to

Carmine T Farese PGK	08/01
Derek J Wenskoski	08/01
Gregory J Czoch	08/02
Kevin M Mc Creary	08/02
Edwin S Jimenez	08/05
Dean Wasylyk	08/08
Rev Mark S Yavarone	08/09
Robert D Mc Grath	08/11
Charles J Kish Jr	08/17
Joseph J Walker	08/19
Paul H Karmazin	08/25
Anthony Fazioli	08/26
Andrew Sasso	08/28
Peter C Orazi	08/30
John M Zelizi Jr	08/30
James P Crawford	08/31

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

As our hot summer continues, we are moving along with our rentals and we are doing well with our council home.

Our beer coolers in the front and back bar have become extinct and very hard to maintain. The board and I have decided to remove them, and we have two kegerators donated to the club in their replacement. This gives us a lot more room also.

I would like to recognize a Past Grand Knight, a brother and a very good friend, Frank Panzino. He has maintained and cleaned our hall for many, many years for Wendell and myself. We never had to worry about the place being clean and presentable. I thank you so much for your service.

God bless,

Jimmy Farese



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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Congratulations to the winners of this year's annual essay contest entitled:

“The Importance of Charity in Society: Its Impact and Benefits”

1st Place – Andrew DePalma (Son of Br. Joseph DePalma) - \$500.00

2nd Place – Evan DePalma (Son of Br. Joseph DePalma) - \$300.00

3rd Place – Elizabeth Spillar (Daughter of Br. Cory Spillar) - \$200.00

The following recipients were awarded scholarships in their respective High Schools:

Hunter Thumann – Woodbridge High School - \$500.00

Sophia Ziec – Colonia High School - \$500.00

Sakinah Glenn – JFK High School - \$500.00

In total \$2,500.00 was distributed this year through the Thomas G. Kunigonis Memorial Scholarship Fund. Finally, I would like to thank the Scholarship Committee for a job well done this past Columbian year and to these four brothers who served on the Scholarship Committee:

PGK Hank Werte

PGK Tom Botti

PGK Frank Panzino

Br. Dave Kearney

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank A. Pelzman, PGK
Scholarship Chairman



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Columbian Club of Avenel
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BEEF & BREW



AUGUST 16, 2025

5 PM – 10 PM

DOORS OPEN 4:30PM

\$35 steak

\$25 chicken

Dinner includes choice of steak or chicken with baked potato and vegetable, beer, wine, soda & dessert

Dinner 5pm

Dancing 6pm-10pm

****PLEASE SPECIFY STEAK OR CHICKEN WHEN ORDERING TICKETS****

For tickets call: (deadline for tickets Aug. 9th)

Frank @ (732) 407-6216

Eric @ (908) 380-8312

****Cash or check only****



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*** * * AC Bus Trip * * ***

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Harrah's

*Sponsored by St. Andrew's Knights of Columbus
109 Morrissey Avenue, Avenel*

Bus leaves Council home at 9:45 a.m. / returns approx. 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$40 per person / \$30 back

Continental breakfast at Council

On bus: water, snacks

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Call Hank Werte: 732-841-0278
Jesse De Luca: 732-857-7047



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**HOT DOGS / HAMBURGERS / CORN /
SAUSAGES & PEPPERS / KIELBASI & KRAUT / COFFEE & CAKE**

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

1pm-6pm

MAYOR FRANK PELZMAN PARK, AVENEL

Please make sure to RSVP by Sept. 8th by calling PGK Frank Panzino @ (732) 407-6216 or PGK Eric Potyrala @ (908) 380-8312 so we know how many people are attending.

Again, we will be doing our own cooking. When you get to the picnic, there will be sign-up sheets for all members (and their friends, if they want) to serve some type of refreshment for one (1) hour. Please help us by signing up. If there are unattended stations and some children serve themselves, an accident may occur. Therefore, any unattended station will be closed. Please help us to prevent this. Make sure to bring your own tablecloths and lounge chairs. In the event of rain, the picnic will be held at the Council Home. This picnic will happen rain or shine.

Price is \$14/person for member and immediate family living at home (over age 7). Maximum for member's family is \$44. All guests (over age 7) pay \$14/person. All children, age 7 and under, are admitted free of charge.

The committee requests one more area where assistance is needed. After the picnic there are clean-ups, trucks to be loaded, and then unloaded at the Council Home. PLEASE HELP! The committee really needs a hand at the end of the day, when we are all so tired from providing you with the best we know how. PLEASE, a little charity.

NO TABLES RESERVED BEFORE 11:00 A.M.



Columbian Club of Avenel

**Hall & Catering Available
All Affairs, Events & Occasions**

**No Party Too Big or Too Small
Sit Down Capacity Up to 200 People**

Call us (732)636-9696 Option 1

All foods prepared by House Caterer – Choice of Menus