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Grand Knights Message for December

Brothers and family members of our council,

It's that time of the year again as we enter the month of Advent. I love the Christmas season, and I'll be watching again one of my favorite movies, "A Christmas Story", about young Ralphie's obsession with getting a Red Ryder air rifle for Christmas. It has many memorable lines like "you'll shoot your eye out" and "I triple dog dare you". Christmas, as we know, is really about giving and not about receiving. It began with the Magi bringing gifts to the baby Jesus. I wish all a very Merry Christmas.

In last month's News Letter, we thanked our brothers for helping at the Rosary Society's Tea Party. I forgot to mention Bro. Javier Huerta for helping at the Tea Party. Thank you and my apologies to Javier.

On Monday, December 8th we celebrate the "Feast of the Immaculate Conception". It will be celebrated on Sunday, December 7th.

I'm looking forward to our annual Knights Christmas party which is being held at our council hall on Saturday, December 13th. More info on the party is in this December News Letter. Please come out and join us for a fun filled evening.

We will be holding our Corporate Communion at the 10am mass on November 30th. We hope for a good turnout of our Brothers and Wives to celebrate the Eucharist.

As we enter this Advent season, I wish all our Brothers and families a happy and joyous Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year. "Feliz Navidad y Feliz ano Nuevo" to all.

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	bulletin@kofc5088.org



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Calendar of Events

December

4	Council Meeting	8pm
4	Columbian Club Bi-Annual Mtg	8:30pm
8	Feast of Immaculate Conception	
13	Christmas Party	6-10pm
18	Officers Planning Meeting	8pm
22	Board of Governors Meeting	8pm
25	Christmas Day	
31	New Years Eve	

January

1	Solemnity of Mary	
8	Council Meeting	8pm
15	Officers Planning Meeting	8pm
15	Convention Deposit Due	
25	Bus Trip to Atlantic City	9:45-7:00pm
26	Board of Governors Meeting	8pm
29	Metuchen Diocese Chapter Meeting with State Officers	7:30pm

Deceased Members for December

	ANGELO MANGER	1964
H	MICHAEL DE STEFANO, PGK	1977
	GERRY CALABRESE	1978
	RICHARD SZEWCZYK	1978
	JOSEPH FREDA	1981
	FRANK VESCE JR	1981
H	ALBERT A. CALAGUIRE	1988
	FRANCIS J. FORD	1989
	SAMUEL M. ALBRECHT	1989
	HENRY R. CANDIA	1990
	DANIEL E. DE LUCA	1992
H	MICHAEL F. POLTORAK	1995
H	EDWARD F. SZYRWIEL	1997
	MICHAEL VENA	1998
H	MICHAEL MC CARTHY	1998
	JOHN G. WRANITZ	1999
	ANDREW V. INTRONE	1999
H	WILLIAM A. TAYLOR	2001
	MICHAEL HRABAR	2003
	CARMINE P. MUCCILLI, PGK PCCP	2006
	JOHN GENTILE	2006
	WALTER LESNIAK	2005
	ANTHONY A. PISANO	2007
	CHARLES F. CUNHA	2007
	PETER N. POLICASTRO	2008
	JAMES A DWYER	2008
	DONALD P. McVICKER	2008
	JIM PAULSON	2009
	JOHN M. HILA	2010
	LAWRENCE J. NOTCHEY	2015
	JOSEPH J MOLNAR	2016
	TIMOTHY P CLARK, PCCP	2016
	JAMES R FLEMMING, PGK	2017
	EMIL D AMEIORANO	2018
	EDWARD P NARDONE	2018
	ANTHONY J MOSKAL, GK PSA	2019
	FRANK R YACKINOUS	2019
	PETER T JOE, PGK PFN	2021
	ALBERT P CURSI PGK PCCP	2021
	ROBERT J BAILEY	2022
	JOHN MC CARTHY	2023



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Happy Birthday to

Walter E Bednarz	12/05
Rev S Gregory Cleveland	12/06
Christopher E Farese	12/08
Ryan C Murphy	12/09
Joseph T Pompeo	12/12
Joseph T Scarano	12/12
Anthony Alibrando	12/13
James C Farese PGK	12/15
Javier Huerta	12/15
Thomas D Botti PGK	12/17
Carmine G Fusco	12/17
Frank A Pisano PGK	12/20
Edward J Thurlow	12/24
Andrew J Banick	12/27
Frank Dotro	12/30
Thomas A Tozzi Jr	12/31

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

From my family and the board, I want to wish all my brothers, wives and their family a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

I would like to say what I am thankful for this Christmas. I have one of the best boards that I have the privilege to work with. I have led this board for three and a half years now. I have a lot of people to thank, but the list is long, so thank you to all my brothers and wives who always help out. I am thankful for the wives understanding regarding my brothers helping me out with any given situation. I am proud to have such wonderful brothers. It's not easy to keep a big council (home) going, but we get things done. We have done many improvements to our council keeping it updated. This is why I am thankful for what we have. Have a very Merry Christmas and God bless you all.

Jimmy Farese

Notice of Motion

A motion will be made and voted on at the January 8, 2026 meeting authorizing an expenditure of up to \$2,000 to host the Metuchen Diocese Chapter meeting with the Bishop and State Officers.



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2026 Convention in Wildwood

May 13-17, 2026

You can now make your reservations to stay at the Water's Edge Ocean Resort in Wildwood Crest. Like last year, you can book 2, 3, or 4 nights. ***The rates are the same as last year*** as follows:

Friday & Saturday (May 15 & 16)	\$255
Thursday, Friday, & Saturday (May 14, 15 & 16)	\$350
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday (May 13, 14, 15 & 16)	\$432

The above rates include taxes and the Hospitality Room for Friday and Saturday. Rates are for 2 people in a room. Each extra person over 10 years old will be charged \$15 per person per night fee payable directly to Water's Edge on check-in.

Reservations are now being accepted to hold a room for you. A deposit of \$100 is due not later than January 15, 2026. Final balance is due by April 15, 2026. Make checks payable to "St. Andrews Council 5088" and mail the check to me at 41 Westside Ave – Avenel NJ 07001-1422.

To reserve your room for the weekend, please provide me your name, Mobile (cell) phone number, and Email address. Send this information to my Email address:

pgkfrank@gmail.com or call me at 732-887-5501. I will send you confirmation within 10 days of receiving your information and payments.

This is first come first served with priority given to members of St Andrew's Council

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Wildwood.

Frank Buczynski
732-887-5501



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ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sponsored by Columbian Club of Avenel
109 Morrissey Avenue

Proceeds donated to St. Andrew's Knights of Columbus

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

6:00 PM TO 10:00 PM

(Doors open 5:30 PM)

(BAR CLOSSES AT 9:30 PM)

Buffet / Coffee / Cake / Draft Beer and Soda

MUSIC FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT

TICKETS: \$30

DEADLINE FOR TICKETS 12/6/25

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

CONTACT:

PGK Joe Kraus (908) 472-2862



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OLDIES DANCE MUSIC FROM THE 60S, 70S AND 80S

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7TH 2026

6:30 P.M. – 10:30 P.M. (doors open at 6:00 PM)



BUFFET DINNER FEATURING
ROAST BEEF, ROAST PORK AND TURKEY
DRAFT BEER & SODA INCLUDED WITH TICKET

COME BE ENTERTAINED BY DJ ZEB

Columbian Club of Avenel – 109 MORRISEY AVE, AVENEL, NJ

TICKETS \$30.00 PER PERSON

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

DEADLINE FOR TICKET SALES IS 2-2-26

PLEASE CONTACT JOE KRAUS (908 472-2862) OR JOE GORNICZ 732-750-2948



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

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Caesar'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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