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## Grand Knights Message for February

Brothers and family members of our council.

Is winter drawing to a close or are we having six more weeks of winter? Only Punxsutawney Phil, the ground hog, can tell us on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. Let's hope spring is not far off and we can put away our snow shovels.

We have several upcoming events this month with the "Oldies Dance" on Saturday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Joe Kraus or Joe Gornicz for this event. Later this month we have our annual Bowling Tournament on Sunday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. See Brother Rich Clark for signing up your team.

We also begin the first of six Lenten "Friday Fish" dinners at our council hall starting on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> this year starting the forty days of Lent culminating on Easter Sunday with Christ's resurrection. Additional info on Friday Fish dinners is contained in this news letter. We will be varying the side dish menu this year from week to week.

We will be hosting the Metuchen Diocese Chapter meeting at our council hall on Thursday, January 29 with Chapter and State Officers in attendance. As of this writing we do not have a Diocese Bishop named and installed since the Bishop was originally scheduled to attend this meeting.

Please don't forget our loved ones on Valentine's Day on Feb. 14.

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 732-439-3594
Chancellor	PGK Tom Botti 908-930-1859
Financial Secretary	PGK Frank Buczynski 732-887-5501 <a href="mailto:pgkfrank@gmail.com">pgkfrank@gmail.com</a>
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 Bill Unger Mark Haidacher Anthony Joe Jesse DeLuca Andrew Curry
Third Degree	Grand Knight Deputy Grand Knight Honorary Members PGK/PFN Phil Svoboda PGK Hank Werte PGK Frank Buczynski

### Chairman

Oasis	Cory Spillar 732-236-4501
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	<a href="mailto:pgkfrank@gmail.com">pgkfrank@gmail.com</a>



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## Calendar of Events

### February

5	Council Meeting	8pm
7	Oldies Dance	6:30-10:30pm
14	Valentines Day	
16	Presidents Day	
19	Officers Planning Meeting	8pm
20	Lenten Fish Dinners	4:30-6:30pm
22	Bowling Tournament	1pm
26	Board of Governors	8pm
27	Lenten Fish Dinners	4:30-6:30pm

### March

5	Council Meeting	8pm
6	Lenten Fish Dinners	4:30-6:30pm
13	Lenten Fish Dinners	4:30-6:30pm
17	St Patrick's Day	
19	Officers Planning Meeting	8pm
20	Lenten Fish Dinners	4:30-6:30pm
26	Board of Governors	8pm
27	Lenten Fish Dinners	4:30-6:30pm

## Deceased Members for February

FRANCIS MACULAITUS	1967
JOSEPH SUTOR	1968
H WILLIAM MORAN	1969
ELMER GREEN	1970
JOSEPH CHILDS	1979
ROBERT LEMMON, FDD/PGK	1988
DOMENICK MILANO	1992
LEON SAWICKI	1992
JOSEPH A. STAWINSKI	1994
JOSEPH C. PAMPINTO	1994
H CHARLES J. MASARIK	1995
BENJAMIN FARESE	1996
H JOSEPH SALVIA, PGK	2000
DONALD W. HOMPESCH	2001
ANDREW L. KRUCZEK	2001
H CARMILLO JAMES NAZARRO	2003
VINCENT J. NITTOLI	2004
JOHN W. GALLARD	2005
LOUIS SETTICERZE	2005
JOHN G BILAWSKY	2006
LOUIS E DE SOCIO	2013
ANTHONY W. O'BRIEN	2014
WILLIAM M. BERNATH	2015
JOSEPH W. WOJTOWICZ	2015
MICHAEL R. VIRCHICK	2016
GLEN R SHAFFER PCCP	2020
EDWARD A BISHOP	2021
STEPHEN COHORSKY III	2024



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## Happy Birthday to

Thomas H Watters	02/02
Thomas E Krygier Jr	02/03
Alexander Florez	02/04
Jan C Koedam	02/06
Eric P Potyrala PGK	02/06
Robert A Olson	02/07
Joseph T Abbruscato	02/09
Thomas Joseph Nespole	02/09
Barnabas J Kish	02/14
Manesh Aranha	02/15
Frank J Panzino PGK	02/16
Richard J Selby PGK	02/19
John F Cunningham	02/21
Ron Mierzewski	02/23
Matthew Caplette	02/25
Henrie A Werte PGK	02/25
John M Masculin	02/27

## 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

I want to thank my vice president Greg Schmitt for taking the reins while I was recuperating. I also want to thank all my brothers and wives for all the get well cards, calls, wishes and of course all the prayers. I can't express in words what they meant to me and my wife.

We had a very busy month with improvements at the Knights. We installed new lights in the big hall. I want to thank the following brothers for working with me: Hank Haidacher for initiating the project, Pete Orazi for doing the electrical work, Jesse DeLuca, Hank Werte and Bill Unger for assisting. We also installed new lights in the back storage room and in the walk in box (refrigerator). We are getting a lot done and our home is looking beautiful.

We also changed our internet service to Optimum as we got a better price and a higher speed internet. Thanks to Greg Schmitt for handling it for me.

We are going to start taking booking again for the new year, and we need brothers to work to make it successful.

The board also voted on having PGK Frank Buczynski as an honorary member of the Columbian Club.

God bless,

Jimmy Farese



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## 2026 Convention in Wildwood

May 13-17, 2026

### ***Balance Due April 15, 2026***

For those going to convention this year, the balance is due on April 15, 2026. ***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

Make checks payable to "St. Andrews Council 5088" and mail the check to me at 41 Westside Ave – Avenel NJ 07001-1422. If you have any questions you can reach me at [PGKFRANK@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PGKFRANK@GMAIL.COM) or 732-887-5501.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Wildwood.

## Lenten Fish Dinners

Donations of cakes and other dessert items for the Fish Fry would be greatly appreciated. They can be dropped off Friday afternoons of the Fish Dinners anytime after 2PM. You can contact Tom at 732-634-7747 or Frank at 732-887-5501 for more information.

Below is a menu of side dishes that will be served in addition to the Cod Fish and Salad bar.

### February 20

French Fries

Roasted Potatoes

Vegetables au Gratin

Cavatelli & Broccoli

Cole Slaw

### February 27

French Fries

Scallop Potatoes

Roasted Vegetables

Mac & Cheese

Cole Slaw



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

Sponsored by Columbian Club of Avenel

Proceeds donated to St. Andrew's Knights of Columbus

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> 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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## Lenten Fish Dinners

**Fridays 4:30pm to 6:30pm**

ST ANDREW'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
109 MORRISEY AVE  
AVENEL NJ  
(COLUMBIAN CLUB HALL)

\$20 Seniors & Adults  
\$10 Ages 5 – 10  
Eat in or Take Out

February 20<sup>th</sup>  
February 27<sup>th</sup>  
March 6<sup>th</sup>  
March 13<sup>th</sup>  
March 20<sup>th</sup>  
March 27<sup>th</sup>

### New This Year

#### Our Salad Bar includes:

Mixed Greens - Spinach - Tomatoes  
Cucumbers - Onions - Carrots - Peppers  
Broccoli - Beets - Corn - Cheese

(Build your own)

Choice of Fried or Baked Cod Fish

Five sides - will vary by week - Some possibilities are:

French Fries - Roasted Potato's - Scallop Potato's - Roasted Vegetables -  
Vegetable Au Gratin - Vegetable Medley - Cavatelli & Broccoli - Mac & Cheese -  
Cole Slaw - Potato Salad - Eggplant Parm

Dessert and Coffee and Tea

**“BYOB”**



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## St. Andrews 37th Memorial Mixed Bowling Event

When: Sunday February 22, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

# Majestic Lanes

535 US-9, Perth Amboy NJ 08861

Entry Fee: \$30.00 per bowler  
(includes bowling and shoe rental)

**\*\* NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE  
BOWLING ALLEY \*\***

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### List of Bowlers in order of Line-up

Line up Position	Name of Bowler	Average
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
Total Average		

	Bowler's Fees @ \$30.00 each	\$
	Total Money Enclosed	\$

All entries, with fee, must be returned by Friday, February 20, 2026 to  
Rich Clark 732-496-5318

**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**