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Grand Knights Message for March

Brothers and family members of our council.

Well, the verdict is in. Punxsutawney Phil has seen his shadow which means six more weeks of winter. I guess we can't put away the snow shovels yet. It's been a cold one so far.

Our council hosted the Metuchen Diocese Chapter meeting on January 29th with Father Jonathan Toborowski as guest speaker in the absence of an installed Bishop. Our council was complimented on hosting the Chapter meeting by our State Treasurer Scott Williams, Chapter President Chris Duffet and our District Deputy Carl Agneta. Thanks to all my brothers who helped at this meeting. PGK's Tom Botti and Al Favale ran the 50/50 and helped clean up afterwards along with DGK Pete Orazi and Brother Jesse DeLuca. Also, thanks to Brother Bill Unger for setting up everything prior to the meeting Thursday at noontime. Stacy (Simple and Authentic Catering) prepared and served a delicious meal for our guests. Thanks, Stacy.

We escaped the snow this year but replaced it with bitter cold and had our "Oldies Dance" on Saturday, February 7th. Our brothers did all the cooking and serving with a delicious meal. Great music from the 60's, 70's and 80's was provided by the DJ. Thanks to PGK's Joe Kraus and Joe Gornicz for running and chairing this fundraising event and thanks to all our brothers who helped setting up and cleaning up at evening's end.

As I write this Newsletter, upcoming on Sunday, February 22nd is our annual Bowling Tournament chaired again this year by Brother Rich Clark with teams bowling at the Majestic Lanes.

Also upcoming is the first of our six Lenten Friday fish fry dinners with all cooking and serving done by our brothers. The first Friday fish fry is February 20th and concludes with the sixth and final dinner on March 27th.

We celebrate Our Risen Lord this coming Easter on April 5th.

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 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 PGK Frank Buczynski

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	pgkfrank@gmail.com



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Calendar of Events

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

April

2	Holy Thursday	
3	Good Friday	
5	Easter Sunday	
9	Council Meeting	8pm
15	Convention Final Payment Due	
16	Officers Planning Meeting	8pm
24	Intellectually Disabled Fund Drive	3-7pm
25	Intellectually Disabled Fund Drive	8-12noon
26	Shield Awards Mass at St Andrews Church	10am
26	Shield Awards Breakfast at Council Home	11am
30	Board of Governors Meeting	8pm

Deceased Members for March

JOHN COUGHLIN	1967
JOHN ESMERADO	1967
RUSSELL HARNED	1975
VICTOR CONTI	1976
JOHN POLTORAK	1978
HENRY SIENRUKOS	1984
H JOSEPH LARDIERE, PGK/PFN	1985
LOUSI NASTI	1994
PETER MAZZILLO	1996
REV. THOMAS PIECHOCINSKI	1997
LAWRENCE V. BRYAN	1997
HENRY KENNEDY	1999
PETER W. SMITH	2000
ANTHONY FABRIO	2001
JOSEPH ZICCARDI, PGK	2003
NICHOLUS E. SHINE	2007
CHARLES KISH	2005
GEORGE KUNAK	2008
PETER F CONNELL, JR.	2009
JOSEPH L. LEBEDA	2011
STEPHAN E. BALOG	2012
DANIEL T. BASIL, PGK/FDD/PCC	2015
JOHN R. POESL	2016
WILLIAM E. DONOHUE, PGK/PFN	2016
STEPHAN J ALACH	2023
PAUL HALUSKA	2023



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Happy Birthday to

Rev Shawn P Monahan	03/01
Anthony M Hogrebe	03/04
Thomas P Mc Kenna	03/05
Stephen A Zelizi	03/06
James P Nolan Jr	03/07
Frank J Buczynski PGK	03/10
Patrick Costello	03/10
Allen G Lance	03/13
Bill Unger	03/18
Andrew S Pross	03/20
Thomas L Golinski	03/22
Manuel Escobar	03/23
Kurt Baumgarten	03/25
Frederick Feliciano	03/27
Robert L Pincelli	03/27
Frank J Grossi	03/29
Paul A Kozakiewicz	03/29
Angelo J Valguarnera PGK	03/30
George J Titz	03/31

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

We had a quieter month with regards to affairs.

We had a problem with our kitchen exhaust fan as the motor seized up. I want to thank Pete Orazi, Jesse DeLuca, Al Favale, and Bill Unger for helping me get the fan up and running in a matter of two days.

Our brother Cory Spillar slipped on ice and had several fractures to his leg. I will be assisting him as bar chairman while he is recuperating. Tom Krygier will be assisting me in his role as assistant bar chairman. Please be patient for I haven't done this for a while. Please let's keep brother Cory in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

God bless all.

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 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 any time 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.

March 6 & March 27

French Fries
 Eggplant Rollatini
 Vegetable Medley
 Tortellini & Cheese
 Cole Slaw

March 13

French Fries
 Roasted Potatoes
 Vegetables au Gratin
 Cavatelli & Broccoli
 Cole Slaw

March 20

French Fries
 Scallop Potatoes
 Roasted Vegetables
 Mac & Cheese
 Cole Slaw



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Lenten Fish Dinners

Fridays 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

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

2026 Dates:

- February 20th
- February 27th
- March 6th
- March 13th
- March 20th
- March 27th

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 Potatoes • Scallop Potatoes
- Roasted Vegetables • Vegetable Au Gratin • Vegetable Medley
- Cavatelli & Broccoli • Mac & Cheese • Cole Slaw • Eggplant Rollatini

Dessert
and Coffee and Tea

“BYOB”

Come Join Us for a Delicious Lenten Meal!

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