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## Grand Knights Message for April

Brothers and family members of our council.

I wish you all a joyous and happy Easter.

I sadly report that our annual Memorial Bowling Tournament had to be cancelled this year on Sunday, Feb. 22 due to forecasted blizzard conditions that afternoon. Bro. Rich Clark wisely made the call to cancel.

We kicked off the first of our six Friday Lenten fish fry dinners on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. Our following Friday dinners corrected any minor initial hiccups we had on our first Feb. 20 dinner and was well received by our dinner patrons with compliments on the food, side dishes and salad bar. Our brothers put in a lot of work for these Lenten dinners. Let's not forget many of our wives who spent the day working and then also serving in the evening. Thanks to both our brothers and wives. Also, thanks to both PGK's Frank Buczynski and Tom Botti who are doing an outstanding job this year taking over for PGK Frank Panzino. Thanks Frank Panzino for chairing these fish fries for many years.

On Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25, our council will be holding our annual "Intellectually Disabled Fund Drive" at the firehouse on Avenel St. from 3 to 7pm Friday and 8 to 12 noon on Saturday. You will see our brothers wearing yellow vests collecting for this annual fund drive with funds going to various needy organizations. PGK Joe Kraus runs this fundraiser as he has in the many past years. Great job and much thanks Joe.

Regretfully we had to cancel our "Shield Awards" mass and ceremony scheduled for April 2026. We plan to reschedule this event next winter, possibly the last Sunday in February 2027.

We end the Lenten season Easter Sunday, April 5 as we celebrate the resurrection of the Risen Christ.

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
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	<a href="mailto:pgkfrank@gmail.com">pgkfrank@gmail.com</a>



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## Calendar of Events

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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
30	Board of Governors Meeting	8pm

### May

5	Convention Meeting	7:30pm
7	Council Meeting (bring rosary to meeting)	8pm
10	Mothers Day	
13-17	Convention at Wildwood	
21	Officers Planning Meeting	8pm
25	Memorial Day	
28	Board of Governors Meeting	8pm
31	Corporate Communion	10am

## Deceased Members for April

H	JOSEPH IMBRIACO	1971
	JOHN B. DE LUCA	1974
	JOSEPH STARK	1980
	WALTER MULVIHILL	1984
	WILLIAM POLLARD	1984
	MICHAEL COPERTINO, DEACON	1985
	ALFRED LEPORE	1992
	STEPHEN J. COHORSKY, SR.	1992
	LEOPOLD INTROCASO	1994
	ANGELO FARESE	1999
	WILLIAM J. JOE	2001
	ROBERT KOENIG	2001
	JAN RASIMOWICZ	2002
	ADOLPH (ART) STARZICK	2008
	STEPHEN S TYLER	2010
	GREGORY M. ALMASI	2014
	ARTHUR M. GRALA	2014
	GERALD J. SPILLAR	2015
	RICHARD J. LAGRIPPO	2015
	JOSEPH W. SABATINO	2016
	RAYMOND J CHROBOT	2019
	ROBERT C KAPEC	2020
	WAYNE G. SCHMITT, PGK	2020
	DALE C. STEVENS	2020
	GILBERT NELSON JR	2022



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## Happy Birthday to

Edward Caplette	04/02
James E Castro	04/02
Kevin J Farese	04/05
Thomas A Bialkowski	04/09
John D Hugelmeyer PGK	04/09
Robert M Wasyluk	04/11
Gabriel Farese	04/12
William W Kenney PGK	04/13
Joseph De Palma	04/16
Michael J Small	04/17
Larry D Britt	04/18
William B Tango	04/19
Eduardo E Lopez	04/20
Delfin M De Los Reyes	04/21
Michael J Ducsak	04/21
Theodore F Superior	04/24
Robert V Pinto	04/25
FDD Gregory P Schmitt PGK	04/25
Michael A Caracappa	04/28
John F Taraska Jr	04/28
Mark J Haidacher	04/30

## 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 wish everyone a very happy and healthy Easter.

It's been a very quiet month. I want to say to all brothers and wives who helped with the fish fry, you all made it run very smoothly this year. I want to thank you all.

God bless.

Jimmy Farese

### 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.



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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:

*"How UNITY strengthens families, schools, and nations"*

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 8, 2026, 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

# **Columbian Club of Avenel**

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