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Grand Knights Message for May

Brothers and family members of our council.

I hope you all had a happy Easter this past April 5th.

We finished our sixth and final Lenten fish fry dinner on March 27th. It was a very successful fundraiser for our council thanks to PGK's Frank Buczynski and Tom Botti who chaired the fish fry dinners this year. They put together a new and varied side dish menu with a salad bar that was well received by our patrons. Thanks to the hard work from both Frank and Tom and all our Brothers and many of their wives who worked to help make this a success. Fr Jay Toborowski, our Metuchen Diocese Business Administrator, and Fr John came to our final dinner on March 27. Fr Jay spoke at our Metuchen Chapter meeting back in January that our council hosted. He spoke in place of the Bishop, who has not been named as of this date.

Our council will be represented at the annual Wildwood Convention on May 13-17. PGK's Frank Buczynski and Al Favale put together a Resolution in honor of our eldest Brother PGK/FFN Philip Svoboda having served as a Knight for 83 years and who celebrated his 103rd birthday this past January.

Remember to bring your Rosary to the May 7 council meeting as this is the month of our Blessed Mother. Remember all our mothers this May 10th on Mother's Day.

By the time you receive this news letter, we will be having our annual "Intellectually Disabled Fund Drive" at Avenel St. and Rt 1&9 by the Avenel Fire House on Friday, April 24 from 3 to 7pm and Saturday, April 25 from 8 to 12 noon. Look for our Brothers collecting in their yellow vests. We had a very successful fund drive last year and hope to repeat this year. Thanks to all our Brothers who gave up four hours helping and thanks to PGK Joe Kraus who once again chaired and ran this charity event. This is for very worthy charities with thanks to Joe and his commitment to this each year.

On May 25 we celebrate Memorial Day which kicks off the unofficial start of summer. We remember all our past and living veterans who served our great country as we close in on our 250th birthday.

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

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

June

4	Council Meeting (Election of Officers)	8pm
4	Columbian Club Biannual Mtg After Council (Election of Board Members)	Meeting
14	Display your Flag Day	
18	Officers Planning Meeting	8pm
21	Fathers Day	
25	Board of Governors Meeting	8pm

Deceased Members for May

	MANUEL CORREIA	1963
	DOMINIC PICHALSKI	1973
H	JOHN SWETITS	1978
	JOHN JACOBS	1980
	ROCCO SALVIA	1982
	ALBERT PLEVA, PGK	1983
H	ROBERT MC LAIN, PFN	1984
H	PATRICK A. COOGAN	1986
	CARL MANAKER	1987
	CHARLES A. FOX	1989
H	WILLIAM J. DONOHUE	1990
	STEPHEN KASPER	1994
	ANTHONY SOLDANO	1996
	VINCENZO (JIM) STIO JR.	1996
	WILLIAM BRAKE	1996
	FRANK R. TANGO	1997
	STANLEY KOROPATNICIC	2001
	JOHN PRZELOMSKI	2005
	GERALD WASYLUK	2006
	JOHN RASIMOWICZ	2006
	STANLEY J. KUPER, JR., PGK	2006
	GEORGE S. RYAN	2013
	LOUIS GALLO	2014
	CARMEN J PIRILLO, PGK	2018
	WILLIAM C HAMALAINEN	2018
	THOMAS T PALMER, PFN	2020



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Happy Birthday to

Rev Alan S Hall	05/01
Victor S Haidacher	05/06
Timothy Koutsaftes	05/06
Dennis E Brennan	05/08
GK Curtis M Daley	05/15
Craig Sowder	05/19
Thomas Costello	05/20
Michael J Kilkenny	05/21
Stephen A Joe	05/24
Anthony J Joe III	05/29
David Morales	05/29
Richard A Bamburak	05/30
Anthony J Joe Jr	05/31

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 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 hope everyone had a blessed Easter.

I would like to thank Tom Krygier for stepping up big time to assist people in coming into the hall two hours early to set up for their party. That will help our house men out as they only have to be there for five hours instead of seven hours. I also want to thank the following brothers for stepping up and going on a list for rotating house man: Al Favale, Bill Unger, Frank Panzino, Jesse DeLuca, Mike Caracappa, Pat Costello and Dave Morales. We still need a few more brothers to step up and help.

Now that the weather is finally getting better, I want to start working on the outside of the building. I will need help with that and would appreciate some volunteers. Also, I need to go up on the other flat roof and see what has to be done about the leaks up there.

Our floors were re-waxed in the small hall (game room), and they look great. Thanks to Hank Haidacher and our township for taking care of this. We truly work great together.

In closing, I want to wish all the mothers a wonderful Happy Mother's Day.

God bless.

Jimmy Farese

Convention Meeting

There will be an optional meeting to discuss our plans for the Wildwood Convention on May 5th at 7:30pm. All who are going to the Convention are welcome to attend this meeting.



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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



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Knights of Columbus Slate of Officers 2026-2027

St Andrew Council 5088 Nominating Committee for the years 2026-2027 are proposing the following slate of Council Officers:

Grand Knight - Pete Orazi

Deputy Grand Knight - Pat Costello

Chancellor – PGK Tom Botti

Recording Secretary – PGK John Hugelmeyer

Treasurer – PGK Joe Kraus

Advocate – PGK Frank Pelzman

Warden - Gary Sutphen

Guards - Mike Caracappa

Javier Huerta

Trustee - 3 Year PGK Curtis (Mike) Daley

The following are automatic since they were voted into these positions in prior elections.

Trustee - 2 Year PGK Eric Potyrala

Trustee – 1 Year PGK Al Favale

Financial Secretary – PGK Frank Buczynski (Appointed by Supreme)

Submitted by PGK Jimmy Farese, PGK Frank Panzino, PGK Eric Potyrala, and PGK Al Favale.

This will be voted on June 4th at our Council Meeting.



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Columbian Club Slate of Officers

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The Columbian Club Nominating Committee for the Columbian Year 2026-2027 is proposing the following slate of Board Members for the coming year.

President	PGK Jim Farese
Vice President	FDD/PGK Greg Schmitt
Treasurer	Robert Indyke
Secretary	PGK Al Favale
Past Grand Knights	PGK Dennis Rinaldi PGK Joe Gornicz PGK Frank Panzino
Trustees:	3 Year Andy Curry
Third Degree	Mark Haidacher Anthony Joe Jesse DeLuca Bill Unger
Grand Knight	Pete Orazi (Automatic)
Deputy Grand Knight	Pat Costello (Automatic)
Trustees	2 Year PGK Anthony Fazioli (Automatic) 1 Year PGK Carmine Farese (Automatic)

This will be voted on at the June 4th Biannual Meeting

Submitted by PGK Carmine Farese, Pat Costello, PGK Dennis Rinaldi

Columbian Club of Avenel

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