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Grand Knights Message for July

Brothers and family members of St Andrews Council,

I would like to thank our council for electing me to be your Grand Knight. I am honored, but I am also counting on much assistance from our experienced brothers.

Isn't it great to wish America a Happy 250th Birthday! I hope all celebrate safely, and enjoy all your summer activities.

What I would like to say to members is to please try and attend our meetings and affairs. We would like to see you, and your participation would be appreciated.

On Sunday, July 12, we will have our installation of officers at 2 PM at the Council Hall.

Saturday, August 15, will be our Beef and Brew.

Thank you, Mike Daley, for the wonderful job serving as Grand Knight over the past two years. You're a tough act to follow.

Rest in peace Past Grand Knight Phil Svoboda.

God bless us all,

GK Pete



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Columbian Year 2025-2026

Council Officers

Grand Knight	Pete Orazi 732-439-3594
Chaplain	Fr David Kosmoski 732-634-4355
Deputy Grand Knight	Pat Costello
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	Gary Sutphen
Guards	Michael Caracappa Javier Huerta
Trustees	3yr PGK Curtis (Mike) Daley 2yr PGK Eric Potyrala 1yr PGK Al Favale

Council Directors

Membership	PGK Tom Botti
Program	FDD/PGK Greg Schmitt
Church Activities	FDD/PGK Greg Schmitt
Lecturer	PGK Tom Botti
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 Pete Orazi
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 Andy Curry 2yr PGK Anthony Fazioli 1yr PGK Carmine Farese
Third Degree	Bill Unger Anthony Joe Jesse DeLuca Vacant Vacant
Grand Knight	Pete Orazi
Deputy Grand Knight	Pat Costello
Honorary Members	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

July

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| 2 | Council Meeting | 8pm |
| 4 | Independence Day
(Fly your flag) | |
| 12 | Installation of Officers | 2pm |
| 16 | Officers Planning Meeting | 8pm |
| 30 | Board of Governors | 8pm |

August

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| 6 | Council Meeting | 8pm |
| 15 | Feast of the Assumption | |
| 15 | Beef & Brew | 5-10pm |
| 20 | Officers Planning Meeting | 8pm |
| 27 | Board of Governors Meeting | 8pm |
| 30 | Corporate Communion | 10am |

Deceased Members for July

H SIGMUND STACHELSKI	1962
JOAQUIN YANGA	1965
MATTHEW QUINLAN	1970
MICHAEL DINO	1972
JOHN CHIGOS	1977
ORLANDO COPPOLA	1979
PAUL C. CUSMANO	1989
LAWRENCE J. FOCHT	1999
STEPHEN J (BUTCH) COHORSKY, JR	2002
ALFRED G. OLSON	2005
DONALD J. GRANAT	2007
ALPHONSO MILANO	2008
NICHOLAS TAMBURRI	2009
RUDOLPH C. FISCHER	2010
VINCENT J. HOEFLING	2010
FRANK J. VITALE	2012
JOHN J. CLARK	2015
DONALD (BUDDY) E PHILLIPS	2017
FREDRICK S QUARTUCCIO	2017
ALOYSIUS (AL) G. WEIS	2018
THEODORE R VIATER	2020
ROBERT STROMICK	2022
WENDELL J UBELHOER, PGK PCCP	2022



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Happy Birthday to

Zachary T Hasslebrink	07/03
Thomas M Donlon	07/05
Joseph H Jacob	07/05
Frank J Strain	07/07
Stanley J Szymanik	07/08
Craig W Carell Sr	07/11
Neil J Goodheart	07/11
Joseph Di Bernardo	07/13
James P Duffy	07/13
Christopher Blash	07/17
Gerald T Connell Jr	07/17
Rev Andrew J Huhtanen	07/20
Ernest F Marczy	07/21
Robert A Pirnik	07/21
Anthony A Cursi PGK	07/22
Sean Lacko	07/23
Jose Morell	07/25
R Keith Wentura	07/29
William A White III	07/29

Fourth Degree News

Meeting Fourth Tuesday of the Month
Check with Faithful Navigator for Meeting
time and place

Membership: The Fourth Degree is open to any
Third-Degree member in good standing who is a
citizen of the United States.

For more information

Contact: PFN Mike Choma (732)259-3500
Or PFN Ken Egan (908) 720-8073

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 would like to welcome my slate of officers for the 26-27 year. Thank you to all who voted me and my slate in again. Hopefully we will continue to keep up our dedication and hard work to the club.

We are looking forward to working with the new Grand Knight and his slate of officers with the Knights of Columbus.

We still need our members to step up and help with the parties. We are getting busy now, and we need members to come forward and help as housemen/housewomen.

I want to thank Bill Unger and Frank Panzino for doing set up and break down for me. Once again, I'd like to thank Tom Krygier for being at the club and allowing people to come in to set up for their parties. It seems to be working very well.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July. God bless America on our 250th year anniversary! Thank you to all our veterans and active service members who keep us safe and free.

God bless.

Jimmy Farese



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Affair	Advance up to	Net Profit or Loss
Family Picnic	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00
State Convention	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
PGK Dinner	\$5,000.00	\$500.00
AC Bus Trip (Per Occurrence)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Fish Fry	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00
Donations	Amount	
Corporate Communion (Per Occurrence)	\$200.00	
Installation of Officer's	300\$400.00	
Thomas Kunigonis Scholarship	up to \$2,500	
John B. DeLuca Scholarship	up to \$500	
Birthday Night (Per Occurrence)	\$100.00	
Delegates Stipend for Convention & Registration Fee	\$620.00	
Christmas - Church	\$250.00	
Easter - Church	\$250.00	
Special Olympics	\$500.00	
Thanksgiving Baskets	\$250.00	
Shield Awards and Breakfast	\$1,000.00	
Intellectually Disabled Drive (Recipients to be determined later)	up to \$3,000.00, based on amount collected	
Life Choices Resource Center	\$50.00	
Bishop's Annual Appeal	\$100.00	
Bishop Chapter Meeting Donation	\$50.00	

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Expenses	Amount
Insurance	\$1,000.00
Rental Agreement (\$700 per month)	\$8,400.00
Attendance Award	\$100.00
Birthday & Sympathy Cards, etc.	\$600.00
Postage for Cards	\$300.00
Bulletin (Supplies & Postage)	\$700.00
Chapter 4 Dues	\$85.00
Refreshments for meetings	\$1,000.00
Member Billing (for yearly dues)	\$600.00
Awards & Plaques	\$500.00
Mass Cards for Deceased Members / Families	\$200.00
Masses at Church	\$50.00
State Per Capita	\$1,300.00
Supreme Per Capita	\$1,000.00
Council Supplies	\$500.00
Roses for Deceased Members Mass	\$100.00
Candy for Intellectually challenged drive	\$100.00
Raffle License for NJ	\$100.00
Line of Credit for Columbian Club	\$5,000.00

To be voted on at the July 2nd Meeting



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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Congratulations to the winner of this year's annual essay contest entitled:

“How UNITY strengthens families, schools, and nations”

1st Place – Andrew DePalma (Son of Br. Joseph DePalma) - \$1000.00

The following recipients were awarded scholarships in their respective High Schools:

Zainab Rizwan – Woodbridge High School - \$500.00

Julia Pajdak – Colonia High School - \$500.00

Afrin Mohammed Abdel Kamar – JFK High School - \$500.00

In total \$2,500.00 was distributed this year through the Thomas G. Kunigonis Memorial Scholarship Fund. Finally, I would like to thank the Scholarship Committee for a job well done this past Columbian year and to these four brothers who served on the Scholarship Committee:

PGK Hank Werte

PGK Tom Botti

PGK Frank Panzino

PGK Al Favale

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank A. Pelzman, PGK
Scholarship Chairman



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In Memory of Phil Svoboda, A Knight, A Husband, a Century

From Cotton Rows to Heaven

He married her in the springtime of life,
when the fields were white as scattered
clouds
and the sun burned long over tired hands.
She bent among the rows of cotton,
fingers swift and careful,
pulling softness from thorn and burr,
singing sweet songs to keep the day moving.

He first loved her laugh.
Not her beauty – though she carried beauty
like dawn carries light –
but the way she laughed
after hard work,
as if Joy itself were a kind of harvest

They built a life from little things:
a home with a porch,
two chairs facing evening.
He worked hard and strong,
she stitched, cooked, prayed,
she remembered when cotton bloomed
like memory returning.

Years passed through them
like rivers through old stone.
Children came, then grandchildren,
their laughter filled his soul,
But time, patient as winter,
came one morning for her.

She died
quietly,
with his hand folded around hers
like the closing of a book
he was not ready to finish.

In late years he lived alone
inside the echo of her absence.
Yet every dawn he rose,
buttoned his shirt slowly,
and spoke to her photograph
holding a rosary, his link to a mystery,
a memory to share

At one hundred and three
his back was bent like an old cotton stalk
his hands marked with the map of labor and
love.
People asked him for his secret to long life.

He would smile softly and say,
“I once knew a woman
who could pull sweetness from a hard field.
I reckon I’ve been living
on that sweetness ever since.”

Fr David Kosmoski
Pastor
May 2026



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Columbian Club of Avenel
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BEEF & BREW



AUGUST 15, 2026

5 PM – 10 PM
DOORS OPEN 4:30PM

★ \$35 ★ STEAK		★ \$25 ★ CHICKEN
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DINNER INCLUDES CHOICE OF STEAK OR CHICKEN WITH
BAKED POTATO AND VEGETABLE, BEER, WINE, SODA & DESSERT

 DINNER 5PM	 DANCING 6PM-10PM
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★ ★ PLEASE SPECIFY STEAK OR CHICKEN WHEN ORDERING TICKETS ★ ★

★ *For tickets call:* ★
(DEADLINE FOR TICKETS AUG. 10TH)

 **Frank @ (732) 407-6216**

 **Eric @ (908) 380-8312**

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