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Grand Knights Message for December

Brothers and family members of St Andrews Council,

The Christmas season is upon us as we enter the month of Advent. I hope everyone's families come together and have a blessed holiday. Remember to keep Christ in Christmas.

December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. Please try to attend mass.

Our annual Christmas party will be on December 19 from 6 to 10 so join us. A good time will be had by all.

I'd like to thank PGK Hank Werte and Jesse De Luca for running our Atlantic City bus trip to Caesars. There were a few empty seats, but it still earned a profit for the club. The next bus trip to AC will be February 7. They will be going to Harrah's so reserve your seat now.

A shout out to Jim Farese. Thank you for all you do maintaining our building.

I am also very grateful to announce that Warden Gary Sutphen has agreed to assume the position of Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF) Director for our council. We hope to organize Bible study meetings with Father Dave in the chapel of St Andrews.

I'd like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

God bless us all
GK Pete

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Columbian Year 2026-2027

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	PGK Jim Farese
Member's Family	732-331-5651 or
	GK Pete Orazi
Sick or Hospitalized	PGK Eric Potyrala
Member	

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	Jesse DeLuca
	Anthony Joe
	PGK Joe Kraus
	David Morales
	Bill Unger
Grand Knight	Pete Orazi
Deputy Grand Knight	Pat Costello
Honorary Members	PGK Hank Werte
	PGK Frank Buczynski

Chairman

Oasis	PGK Jim Farese
	732-331-5651
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

Calendar of Events

December

3	Council Meeting	8pm
3	Columbian Club Bi-Annual Mtg	8:30pm
8	Feast of Immaculate Conception	
17	Officers Planning Meeting	8pm
19	Christmas Party	6-10pm
25	Christmas Day	
28	Board of Governors Meeting	8pm
31	New Years Eve	

January

1	Solemnity of Mary	
7	Council Meeting	8pm
15	Convention Deposit Due	
21	Officers Planning Meeting	8pm
28	Board of Governors Meeting	8pm

Deceased Members for December

	ANGELO MANGER	1964
H	MICHAEL DE STEFANO, PGK	1977
	GERRY CALABRESE	1978
	RICHARD SZEWCZYK	1978
	JOSEPH FREDA	1981
	FRANK VESCE JR	1981
H	ALBERT A. CALAGUIRE	1988
	FRANCIS J. FORD	1989
	SAMUEL M. ALBRECHT	1989
	HENRY R. CANDIA	1990
	DANIEL E. DE LUCA	1992
H	MICHAEL F. POLTORAK	1995
H	EDWARD F. SZYRWIEL	1997
	MICHAEL VENA	1998
H	MICHAEL MC CARTHY	1998
	JOHN G. WRANITZ	1999
	ANDREW V. INTRONE	1999
H	WILLIAM A. TAYLOR	2001
	MICHAEL HRABAR	2003
	CARMINE P. MUCCILLI, PGK PCCP	2006
	JOHN GENTILE	2006
	WALTER LESNIAK	2005
	ANTHONY A. PISANO	2007
	CHARLES F. CUNHA	2007
	PETER N. POLICASTRO	2008
	JAMES A DWYER	2008
	DONALD P. McVICKER	2008
	JIM PAULSON	2009
	JOHN M. HILA	2010
	LAWRENCE J. NOTCHEY	2015
	JOSEPH J MOLNAR	2016
	TIMOTHY P CLARK, PCCP	2016
	JAMES R FLEMMING, PGK	2017
	EMIL D AMEIORSANO	2018
	EDWARD P NARDONE	2018
	ANTHONY J MOSKAL, GK PSA	2019
	FRANK R YACKINOUS	2019
	PETER T JOE, PGK PFN	2021
	ALBERT P CURSI PGK PCCP	2021
	ROBERT J BAILEY	2022
	JOHN MC CARTHY	2023

Happy Birthday to

Walter E Bednarz	12/05
Rev S Gregory Cleveland	12/06
Christopher E Farese	12/08
Ryan C Murphy	12/09
Joseph T Pompeo	12/12
Joseph T Scarano	12/12
Anthony Alibrando	12/13
James C Farese PGK	12/15
Javier Huerta	12/15
Thomas D Botti PGK	12/17
Carmine G Fusco	12/17
Frank A Pisano PGK	12/20
Edward J Thurlow	12/24
Andrew J Banick	12/27
Frank Dotro	12/30
Thomas A Tozzi Jr	12/31

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.

Columbian Club Corner

As we are coming close to the end of the year, we are doing well with our rentals. Also, I want to thank Cory Spillar for his 2-year service of bar chairman as he steps down. I will be managing the bar until I get someone to take over the position.

I want to wish every member, wife and family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Good health and God bless you all for the upcoming new year.

Jimmy Farese

NOTICE OF CHANGE TO COLUMBIAN CLUB BY-LAWS

At the next Bi-Annual Meeting of the Columbian Club on December 3, 2026, the following changes to the By-Laws of the Columbian Club will be voted on:

Changing Article 2 Section 2 from:

The elective officers shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Three Trustees, and a Board of Directors consisting of three Past Grand Knights and five other third degree members who are not Past Grand Knights. The term of office shall be for one year, except in the case of the trustees which shall be for three years, two years, and one year, one to be elected each year, however no trustee shall succeed himself in an election.

TO:

The elective officers shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Three Trustees, and a Board of Directors consisting of three Past Grand Knights and five other third degree members who are not Past Grand Knights ***whenever possible. In the case there are no third degree members willing to fill the office who are not Past Grand Knights, a Past Grand Knight may hold that position***. The term of office shall be for one year, except in the case of the trustees which shall be for three years, two years, and one year, one to be elected each year, however no trustee shall succeed himself in an election.


ADULT
Christmas
PARTY
Sponsored by Columbian Club of Avenel
109 Morrisey Avenue
SATURDAY
December 19, 2026
6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Doors open at 5:30 PM • Bar closes at 9:30 PM
Buffet • Coffee • Cake • Draft Beer & Soda
Music for your entertainment
Tickets $30
Payment is required by December 12th
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(908) 472-2862


2027 Convention in Wildwood
May 12-16 2027
WILDWOOD CREST
Water's Edge
You can now make your reservations to stay at the Water's Edge Ocean Resort in Wildwood Crest. You can book 2, 3, or 4 nights. The rates for 2027 are:
Friday & Saturday (May 14 & 15) $265
Thursday, Friday, & Saturday (May 13, 14 & 15) $365
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday (May 12, 13, 14 & 15) $450
The above rates include taxes and the Hospitality Room for Friday and Saturday.
Rates are for 2 people in a room. Each extra person over 10 years old will be charged $15 per person per night fee payable directly to Water's Edge on check-in.
Reservations are now being accepted to hold a room for you. A deposit of $100 is due not later than January 15, 2027. Final balance is due by April 15, 2027. Make checks payable to "St. Andrews Council 5088" and mail the check to me at 41 Westside Ave – Avenel NJ 07001-1422.
To reserve your room for the weekend, please provide me your name, Mobile (cell) phone number, and Email address. Send this information to my Email address: pgkfrank@gmail.com or call me at 732-887-5501. I will send you confirmation within 10 days of receiving your information and payments.
This is first come first served with priority given to members of St Andrew's Council.
Looking forward to seeing everyone in Wildwood.
Frank Buczynski
732-887-5501


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Sunday, February 7, 2027
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