



KNIGHTNEWS

MARCH 1, 2017

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COUNCIL 4907
SPOTSWOOD, NJ

**"FATHER MCGIVNEY'S
VISION REMAINS AS
RELEVANT AS EVER IN
THE CHANGED
CIRCUMSTANCES OF
TODAY'S CHURCH AND
SOCIETY." - POPE JOHN
PAUL II**

*Three Reasons to be a
Member of the KOC:*

1. *Chance to give
back to others*
2. *Fellowship*
3. *Fraternal
Benefits*

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

Greetings Brother Knights:

In an effort to provide our monthly report in a more reader-friendly format, we have created this newsletter. Modeled after our Council's historic Compass newsletter, we hope you enjoy reading it.

Our annual **Substance Abuse Poster Contest** is underway. 239 students from Immaculate Conception School and the Appleby School here in Spotswood submitted posters on resisting drugs and alcohol. We will announce shortly who the six local winners were with two Council Champions moving on to the State Level of the contest. All students who submitted a poster receive a participation certificate, with the six local winners also receiving a \$25 gift card. Last year our two local champions won 1st and 3rd place in the state! Thanks to PGK Miller, PGK O'Brien, Doug Manzano, FS Ken Pearce, Tom Gallo and John Savarese for helping administer the contest and judge the posters.

Two of the winners from our **Council Free Throw Contest** are advancing to the Regional Round on Saturday, March 25th, in the Lourdes Center at St Bernadette's in Parlin, after winning their age bracket at the District level at Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday, February 18th. Congratulations to Gabriella Gioffre - age 9 and Rylee Wickliffe - age 10 and good luck girls in your march to the State Championship!

Our dues statements have gone out. Please remit your annual dues as soon as you can. Please contact Financial Secretary Ken Pearce at kpearce28@verizon.net if you have paid your dues and have not received your 2017 membership card.

Our **annual Lenten Fish Frys** begin this Friday, March 3rd. *Please come on down!* PGK Chris Ryan and Celebrity Chef PGK Jim Matera are working with our own Master Chef John Savarese to create and plate some real culinary masterpieces.

Our Fish Frys run each Friday from March 3rd to April 7th at our Hall from 5-7:30 PM. For Take Out Orders, please call 732-251-9878. Basic dishes, such as fried flounder, baked flounder, fried shrimp, etc. will be \$14 which includes potato, soup, salad and sides, along with dessert, coffee or soda.

This week's special is Pan Seared Sea Scallops with Au Gratin potatoes. On March 10th, we're offering Cajun Shrimp & Grits with a Bang Bang Shrimp appetizer. Friday March 17th the special will be Fried Haddock & Chips w/ Tartar Sauce and Malt Vinegar. On March 24th, the special will be Pan-Seared Orange Ginger Salmon w/ Sautéed Zucchini and a Lightly-Seared Tuna Taco w/ Asian Slaw and Cilantro Lime Cream appetizer. We end the month with Fresh Stuffed Flounder, w/ Shrimp & Cornbread stuffing, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes and a Garlic Parmesan Gnocchi appetizer. Volunteers to help are always needed! Stop by if you can spare an hour or two for cleanup.

Yours in Unity,

*Rich O'Brien
WGK*

March Meeting Schedule



Wednesday, March 15th KOC Officers Meeting 7:30 at the Hall.

Monday, March 20th Columbian Club Trustees Meeting at 7:30 PM at the Hall. ALL KNIGHTS in good standing (holders of a current membership card) are welcome to attend this meeting.

Wednesday, March 22nd KOC Business/Social Meeting at 7:30 PM at the Hall. All Knights are welcome. Pizza will be served after the Business meeting.

Council Officers

Monsignor Joseph Curry Chaplain

Rich O'Brien	Grand Knight
Jay Consorti	Deputy Grand Knight
Ted Ricci	Chancellor
Ken Pearce	Financial Secretary
PGK Pat O'Brien	Treasurer
John Savarese	Warden
Carl Buffalino	Recorder
Doug Manziano	Lecturer
Greg Williams	Advocate
Kevin Walsh	Inside Guard
John Duffy	Outside Guard
PGK Joe Miller	Third Year Trustee
PGK Frank Guerino	Second Year Trustee
PGK Chris Ryan	First Year Trustee

Insurance Agent Bob McFadden 732-382-5795

Tom D'Amico District Deputy-District 61
PFN, PGK, SK

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**Our general
Business Meeting is
at the Club Hall the
Fourth Wednesday
of every month at
7:30PM.**

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Columbian Club Hall



Please tell your friends and family we are accepting Hall bookings for events as far away as August of 2017. To rent the Hall, call 732-251-3033 between the hours of 3 & 7 PM. Or you can email me or our Hall Chairman, John Duffy and we'll arrange for your event. John's email is johnduffy9@verizon.net

St. Patrick's Day Party



Due to St. Patrick's Day falling on a Lenten Friday this year, The Columbian Club will be hosting ***our annual all you can eat Corned Beef and Cabbage Party*** on Saturday, March 18th, starting at 12 pm. The cost will be \$10 per person including 2 drink tickets. Please come and join us for fun with family and friends. All are welcome!

Columbian Award for 2015-2016



On February 22nd, District Deputy Tom D'Amico presented Grand Knight Rich O'Brien with the Council's Columbian Award Plaque for our achievements in the last Fraternal Year. Our Council received this award by completing four activities in each of six different categories:

- Church Activities
- Community Activities
- Council Activities
- Culture of Life Activities
- Family Activities
- Youth Activities

Thanks to the Officers and Brother Knights who volunteered for all these events!

Upcoming Events

Our first of two ***annual Shake the Can events for our Special Citizens*** will be on Saturday, April 8. The second Shake the Can date will be on May 21st. Please mark your calendars!

Our second ***Knight in Italy Carrabbas Fundraiser dinner*** will be on Sunday, April 23rd. Stay tuned for more details on that event.