



# KNIGHTNEWS

APRIL 1, 2017

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COUNCIL 4907  
SPOTSWOOD, NJ

*"Today, the Knights of Columbus is providentially positioned to play a key role in the new alliance between the Church and the family called for by Pope Francis ... What is necessary now is our greater involvement in the renewal of parish and family life."*

**Supreme Knight Carl Anderson**

## GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

Greetings Brother Knights:

Our annual **Substance Abuse Poster Contest** is complete. 239 students from Immaculate Conception School and the Appleby School here in Spotswood submitted posters on resisting drugs and alcohol. [Our six local winners were:](#)

**Bella Lupiano and Rylee Wickliffe of ICS, Gabriella Spinale, Emily Wallace, Harper Hillerman and Brendan Blekeski of Appleby School. Bella and Emily were Council Champions and are 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the state!

**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](mailto:kpearce28@verizon.net) if you have paid your dues and have not received your 2017 membership card.

Our **Lenten Fish Frys** conclude on Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to PGK Chris Ryan for his usual brilliant effort in coordinating this annual Council tradition. Thanks also to our Columbiettes who work so hard each year on this event and make it run so smoothly. And we must thank the Boy Scouts of our own Troop 35 who set, bus and break down the Hall each week. Finally, our gratitude goes to Celebrity Chef PGK Jim Matera, our own Master Chef John Savarese, the immortal Chef Dan Savarese and all the Brother Knights and friends who came each week to prep, cook and clean our Hall to enable us to feed over 1,000 guests.

Our final week's special will be Chef Dan's Linguine and Clams and our most Popular appetizer of Bang Bang Shrimp. **Also we will be showing Chef Jim's Cooks vs. Cons program from 6-7 pm followed by a Q and A with Chef Jim.** Come on down early and stay for the show! Volunteers to help are always needed. Stop by if you can spare an hour or two for cleanup.

Our Council is again participating in **MS Walk 2017 in North Brunswick on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 9AM.** Please join us in walking to fight Multiple Sclerosis. We are proud to be part of Team Yusko/Spotswood. Brother Knight Frank Yusko is our team captain. Last year, we raised thousands of dollars towards research and with your help we'll do even better this year. Our website to donate is <http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/OBrien>

*Yours in Unity,*

*Rich O'Brien  
WGK*

## APRIL Meeting Schedule



**Monday, April 17th 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, April 19th KOC Officers Meeting 7:30 at the Hall.**

**Wednesday, April 26th KOC Business/Social Meeting at 7:30 PM** at the Hall. All Knights are welcome. Pizza will be served after the Business meeting.

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

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

## 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  
PFN, PGK, SK District Deputy-District 61



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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 our Hall Chairman, John Duffy or me and we'll arrange for your event. John's email is johnduffy9@verizon.net

## A Knight in Italy Too! BUFFET DINNER



Our Council and Carrabba's Italian Grill are sponsoring a **Charity Fundraiser Dinner at the Columbian Club Hall on Sunday, April 23rd from 2-5 PM.** A Carrabba's Italian Buffet Dinner including salad, soda, water and dessert will be served. A cash bar will also be available. The cost is \$20 per person. For Tickets, call John Savarese at 732-986-6639 or by email at donjohnsav@verizon.net. We will also be selling tickets in the Church lobby after all Masses on April 1 and 2nd and April 8th and 9th.

Brother Savarese will also be selling tickets at the Club also from 5-7PM on Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. No tickets will be sold at the door for this event.

## Columbian Award for 2015-2016



On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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. There is a sign-up sheet at the bar. If you can spare an hour canning, please email me. The second Shake the Can date will be on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

We will be hosting **an Admission (First Degree) and a Formation (Second Degree) ceremony at our Hall on Thursday, May 18th at 7PM.** If you haven't seen a degree ceremony in some time, please join us and welcome new Brothers into our order.

## Message from the Cardinal of New York

HIS EMINENCE  
TIMOTHY MICHAEL CARDINAL DOLAN, PH.D, D.D.  
ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK



### *The Knights of Columbus are There! January 24, 2017*

Last Sunday I had the privilege of welcoming to my home, and then to Mass, the state leadership of one of the most celebrated Catholic organizations around, the Knights of Columbus.

You have certainly heard of them, and share in my high admiration for them.

Founded in 1881 by the Servant of God, Father Michael McGivney – one day, we hope, to be canonized – the Knights began as a fraternal organization for Catholic men, mostly immigrants or their sons, who longed for the support of their faith, camaraderie with fellow Catholics, a chance to serve the Church, and financial security through insurance.

Those initial goals are still there, but the Knights are now the largest voluntary organization in the nation, renowned as well for their vast service to causes such as assistance to those mentally and physically challenged, promotion of Catholic schools, encouragement of vocations to the priesthood, advocacy for Christians persecuted throughout the world, pro-life efforts, and defense of the nature of marriage and family as revealed by God.

As I commented to the leadership of the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, "Most people visit me to ask me to do something for them; you always show-up asking me how you can help! Most visit me to ask for money; you stop-by to give some! Thanks!"

Bishops, priests, deacons, sisters, brothers, and lay pastoral leaders will tell you: you need something done? Go to the Knights of Columbus. Jesus preached, "Not everyone who says 'Lord, Lord' will enter my kingdom, but only those who do the will of my Father." Actions speak louder than words! That describes the Knights.

I go to parishes – there they are; I go to school fund-raisers – the Knights of Columbus are there; Soup kitchens for the poor? There they are; Abortion clinics? The Knights are there in protest; Before the Eucharist in adoration? Again I see them;

The Special Olympics? The Knights are in charge. For years, human rights advocates have tried to convince the American government to declare the persecution of Christians occurring, in epidemic proportions today, as genocide. No luck . . . until the Knights of Columbus took on the task. Now it's official.

My first pastor used to refer to a person who quietly, reliably, and effectively lived out his faith as "salt of the earth," a term Jesus used.

That's the Knights of Columbus!

