



KNIGHTNEWS

JUNE 1, 2017

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COUNCIL 4907
SPOTSWOOD, NJ

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

Greetings Brother Knights:

Our Council again participated in the **2017 Spotswood Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29th**. Despite some morning rain, we were able to march and represent our Council quite well. Thanks to our drummers, John Decker and Kyle Harper for keeping the beat and for our flag bearers, Carl Buffalino and Tim Mulcahy. Thanks to all the **Ladies of our Columbiettes** for the car decorating and for carrying their banner proudly!

Since the establishment of the Christian Refugee Relief Fund in 2014, the Knights of Columbus has collected more than \$12 million, which has been used to provide food, clothing, shelter, education, and medical care to persecuted Christians in the Middle East.



<https://www.kofc.org/en/secure/charities/christian-refugee-donate.html>



Thanks also to Carl Buffalino, Patty Vitale, Dean Vitale and Mrs. Vitale for all the work in serving our post-parade barbecue back at the Hall.

And a special thanks to George Travastino for bringing out his '55 Chevy for the parade!

Yours in Unity,

*Rich O'Brien
WGK*

June Meeting Schedule



Wednesday, June 21st KOC Officers Meeting 7:30 at the Hall.

Monday, June 26th 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. **This is our quarterly meeting and will include the election of the Columbian Club Board of Trustees for the 2017/2018 fraternal year.**

Wednesday, June 28th KOC Business/Social Meeting at 7:30 PM at the Hall. All Knights are welcome. Pizza will be served after the Business meeting. **This is our election meeting where the new Council Officers for the 2017/2018 fraternal year will be elected.** Please come out and vote for your new officers.

Three Reasons to be a Member of the KOC:

1. *Charitable works*
2. *Fraternal Benefits*
3. *Fellowship with Brother Knights*

Nominated Council Officers Slate for 2017/2018

Monsignor Joseph Curry Chaplain

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

May Council Events RECAP

In addition to the parade, May was a busy month in our Council. We started the month by accompanying Monsignor Joe to the **Pride in our Priests Dinner** in Old Bridge at the Grand Marquis. Our KOC Chapter 4 sponsored this great event with over 400 attendees. We took the time to thank all of the great Priests who work for us in the Metuchen Diocese. *Thanks again Father Joe for all your service to us here at Immaculate Conception Parish!*



Our May Crowning ceremony was held on May 7th. Thanks to our Columbiettes for performing such a spiritual event and honoring our Blessed Mother! We had 18 people come on a rainy day to continue this great Council tradition.

We **Shook the Can** again on Sunday, May 21st and raised over \$800 for our Special Citizens Fund. Thanks again to all the Brother Knights who donated their time in support of this charitable effort. Our **Special Citizens Holiday Party** will be Sunday, December 3rd. Please mark your calendars for this very exceptional event. If you have never attended, please consider it for this year. You'll be glad you did.

Our Retention Committee, led by DGK Jay Consorti, continues our long-standing effort to bring our roster current. If you've been the recipient of letters, phone calls, emails and the like, we are trying to have you remain a valued member of our Order. Please reach out to me or Jay if you have any questions or need help in making your dues current. Our goal is to end the next fraternal year, 2017-2018, with an updated roster of current, committed Brother Knights as we move towards our 60th Anniversary Year to be celebrated in 2020!

We hosted an **Admission (First Degree) and a Formation (Second Degree) ceremony at our Hall on Thursday, May 18th**. Congratulations and welcome to our new Brother Knight William Nolan and congratulations to Brother Bill Parks for advancing to the Second Degree. We also welcomed 13 other new Knights to our Order that night. A special thanks to Brother John Savarese for his preparation of a most excellent sausage & peppers dinner that night.



A VERY SPECIAL THANKS to our own Ed Jerihan for donating his time and volunteering his neighbor John too (thanks John B!) in erecting our new flagpole at the Hall. If you haven't seen it yet, stop by and check it out. It looks great at night due to the solar light on top.

Upcoming Events

We are doing our ANNUAL COUNCIL CLEANUP on Saturday, June 17th, starting at 9AM. Come on down and give that two hours a year of service we talked about in support of your Council. Along with Troop 35 of the Boy Scouts, we will be cleaning and sprucing up our grounds, hauling away junk and doing general cleaning.

We could use some guys to come down with their gas trimmers and take a real crack at clearing the weeds we're collecting. Hope to see you then!

On Wednesday June 28th, our election meeting for new officers will be held at 7:30PM. Please come out and vote.



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