



KNIGHTNEWS

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COUNCIL 4907
SPOTSWOOD, NJ

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

Greetings Brother Knights:

As the Lenten season fast approaches, I wanted to share the inspirational words of our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William E. Lori:

"THE MERE MENTION of Lent can sometimes seem dismal, like a long, dreary day. Lent consists, in fact, of 40 days and 40 nights of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Who can endure it?"

Yet the word "Lent" does not pertain to darkness or despair. Quite the opposite. The original meaning of the word actually has to do with springtime. When Lent begins, it's winter. But by the time Lent concludes, the days are growing longer and the forsythias are in bloom. Even if there is an unseasonal snow shower, we take heart knowing that winter is having its last gasp. Lent, then, represents a new springtime in our spiritual lives. It's a time when the darkness of sin gives way to a new light of grace.

THE LENTEN PRACTICES OF PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING CAN RENEW OUR LIVES IN CHRIST."

Lent begins this year on Wednesday, February 14th, which is also the feast day of Saint Valentine. May our Lenten observance this year lead us to experience a renewed life in Christ and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Vivat Jesus,

Jason Consorti
WGK



"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

February Meeting Schedule



Monday, February 19th 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, February 21st KOC Officers Meeting at 7:30 PM at the Hall.

Wednesday, February 28th Business/Social Meeting at 7:30PM at the Hall. ALL KNIGHTS in good standing are welcome. Pizza will be served after the Business meeting.

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

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

Council Officers 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
PFN, PGK, SK

District Deputy-District 61





Knights of Columbus # 4907

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**Our general
Business Meeting is
at the Club Hall the
Fourth Wednesday
of every month at
7:30PM. Check our
calendar for any
meeting revisions.**

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Columbian Club Hall



Please tell your friends and family we are accepting Hall bookings for events as far away as May of 2018. 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

Recent Council Events RECAP

Boys and girls ages 9-14 participated in the local level of competition for the 2018 **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship** on Sunday, January 21 at the Immaculate Conception Gymnasium, 18 South Street in Spotswood. We had nine children come out and try their luck this year. A special thanks to Brother Rich Lancia for facilitating this event. Thanks also to DGK Doug Manziano and PGKs Joe Miller and Rich O'Brien for helping out that day. Our local champions will be moving on to the district level round to be held in Milltown.

Our **annual Super Bowl Party was held by the Columbian Club** at the Hall on February 4th. Our members and their guests enjoyed some great food and fellowship, along with the big game. Thanks to Brothers John Duffy, Carl Buffalino, Ed Jerihan and Vinnie Weichel for their work in prepping the Hall, preparing food, selling 50/50s and the like. A special thanks to PGK Pat O'Brien who once again handled our Mega 50/50 drawing this year. The total prize was \$620 and the winner was PGK Rich O'Brien who donated some of his winnings back to the Columbian Club.

Upcoming Events

The **Substance Abuse Poster Contest** for local school children was held in January. Students from the Immaculate Conception school and the E Raymond Appleby school submitted posters in this year's contest. Once we have judged all the posters, we will award prizes to our local winners. Our Council champions have advanced and won at the State level in recent years.

Our 2018 Lenten Fish Frys will begin on Friday, February 16th at 5:00PM and run for the next five Fridays until March 23rd. PGK Chris Ryan and his team have another great season in store.

By popular demand PGK Jim's Bing Bang Shrimp will be available every night! The Pan seared shrimp remains on the menu as do the classic fried flounder and shrimp dishes. We'll have baked fish with a new RITZ Crackers light crust. We're adding an appetizer portion of Penne and Vodka Sauce for each night as well. The opening night special on 2/16 is pan seared Salmon with a Tarragon Butter, Charred Lemon Sauce with Zucchini and Roasted Pepper Basmati Rice. For the weekly specials, please check our Facebook page.

We need your help to run this event. From cooks, to cleaners, dishwashers and helpers are all vital for the success of this event. Please consider coming down to eat and if you can give those 2 hours a year we ask for it would be appreciated.

Please let the Grand Knight know at wqk4907ic@gmail.com if you can help out.