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Officers

Faithful Navigator

Joseph G. Nixon Jr.

Faithful Comptroller

James J. Laurenza Jr (PFN)

Faithful Captain

Raymond J. Redlinger (PFN)

Faithful Admiral

Ronald Hadley (PFN)

Faithful Purser

John T. Mulhane (PFN)

Faithful Pilot

John J. Greeley

Faithful Scribe

John H. Curry (PFN)

Inner Sentinel

Henry A. Pilla Jr (PFN)

Outer Sentinel

Richard A. Yarossi

One Year Trustee

Richard M. Gockelman

Two Year Trustee

Thomas J. Giardina

Three Year Trustee

Ryan E. Sullivan

Color Corps Commander

James J. Laurenza Jr (PFN)

Meeting Schedule

December—No Meeting

January—Officers Meeting TBD

1/26/17 Needham



Knights of Columbus

**FOURTH
DEGREE**

Patriotic degree of the Order.

The Sextant Newsletter

Navigator's Message

**Merry
Christmas**

Need I say
more?



Schedule of Events:

Winter—Chili Cook-off



Exemplification—January 8, 2017
(This has been canceled). The next
Exemplification will be May 6, 2016 in
Hyannis.

Day Trip Suggestion

Are you looking for a Day Trip over the
Holidays? Try the Knights of Columbus
Museum in New Haven, Ct.
<http://www.kofcmuseum.org/km/en/exhibits/featured/index.html>



Our Christmas Party December 8.



Honor Guard Commander - James Laurenza (PFN, PGK)



December was very quiet with no local activity. State-wide was the Wreaths across America on December 17 at the Bourne National Cemetery.

We are always looking for a few more knights to serve on the Honor Guard. We have some regalia items that you may use. Please consider participating in the Honor Guard. Contact me at your convenience.



The Vietnam Moving Wall was one of the highlights of our Honor Guard this year.

The year in Review



**MOST REVEREND
ROBERT P. REED**
TITULAR BISHOP OF SUFAR
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF BOSTON



Brother Damian celebrated his Golden Jubilee



Web Site



Our web site project has made a giant step forward. We found a site to host the domain and we have been issued a domain name. We are now designing web pages and gathering information to publish on the site. Newsletters will be available at this site. Those without email but have access to a computer will be able to view bulletins and other information. Connect to our site at <http://www.kofcdavidwalsh403.com/> The site is under construction and all suggestions are welcome!

Requiescat in Pace

- 1/4/16.....#155 (Watertown).....Richard MacDonald
- 2/3/16.....#3973 (Crozier).....George Cullen
- 4/1/16.....#121 (Brighton).....William Timmins
- 4/12/16.....#167 (Newton).....Frederick Brasco
- 5/21/16.....#1611 (Needham).....Rev. Francis Garrity
- 8/18/16.....#167 (Newton).....Henry Fallon
- 12/3/16.....#147 (Waltham).....Edward Bigham

Ask the Navigator

What is the meaning of the different colored capes used by the Honor Guard?

Vice-Supreme Master—**Light Blue**

Master—**Gold**

District Marshall—**Green**

Faithful Navigator—**White**

Color Corp Commander—**Purple**

Color Corp Member—**Red**

The Chapeau is the same color as the Cape except for Regular members who wear a White Chapeau. In addition, a sword with a black grip or handle is carried on a service baldric worn over the coat but under the cape. Faithful Navigators or Past

Faithful Navigators may use swords with white grips.

The conventional formal tuxedo attire is worn by Honor Guard members.

Do you have a question about our order and don't know who to ask? Send it to me and I will seek the answer.

SICK AND DISTRESS

STEVE WERBINSKI PFN, CROZIER COUNCIL
DAVE O'CONNELL PGK, WATERTOWN COUNCIL
DAVE BROOKS, WATERTOWN COUNCIL
WILLIAM BEARISTO OUR LADY'S WALTHAM
FRANK BETTINELLI OUR LADY'S WALTHAM
BOB GREELY CROZIER COUNCIL
JOE BERRIO CROZIER COUNCIL
AL FRASSO PGN, WATERTOWN COUNCIL
ANDY LARSEN OUR LADY'S WALTHAM
REV. WILLIAM ENGLISH OUR LADY'S COUNCIL
WALTHAM

Set aside some time this month to visit a sick or homebound relative, friend or brother knight. It Matters!

Topics for Future Issues;

The Fryer's Desk
David I Walsh Biography.
Tootsie Roll Drive Hints.
Seasonal Articles
These Men Called Knights
Council Profile
Fund Raising Ideas
Your Comments/Suggestions are always welcome.
Photographs are wanted.

Governor David I Walsh Assembly

Honor Guard Members



James J. Laurenza Jr. (Commander)

Raymond LeBlanc

Louis S. Gregoire (Asst. Commander)

Mac Moran PGK

Alphonse Frasso (Honorary)

John Mulhane PFN

Steve Werbinski Jr. PFN (Honorary)

Joseph Nixon

Karl Aghassi

Henry A. Pilla Jr. PFN

Ronald W. Bousquet

Raymond John Redlinger PFN

Michael R. Cooper

John Saunders PFN

Donald M. Lattig

James F. Stockwell



History of the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus

By Louis Gregoire PFN

Installment 4

William J. O'Brien was born July 28, 1867 and died July 10, 1959. He was the 6th State Deputy and a charter member of the Robert Fulton Council #134 Dorchester. The council was instituted October 6, 1895. Robert was the Charter Grand Knight and served two terms (1895-1897). With the inauguration of the Fourth Degree on February 22, 1900, he went to New York City where he was inducted with other Massachusetts men.

Prior to his election as State Deputy on May 12, 1908, he served as State Secretary for 12 years (1897-1908). He also was a delegate for eight years to the Supreme Convention.

As State Deputy, the Order in Massachusetts grew from 130 councils and 19,033 members to 138 councils and 23,742 members. It was reported in 1909 that Massachusetts lead the Order in insurance membership, 11836 members out of 70,369 Order wide.

It was during Mr. O'Brien's term that Columbus Day was first celebrated as a

civil holiday in Massachusetts.

Of the nine councils instituted during his term as State Deputy, Ausonia Council #1513 was very important. Apart from Teutonia Council #225, it was only the second council not dominated by Catholics of Irish background.

When Mr. O'Brien died in his 92nd year, he was the oldest Past State Deputy and Past Grand Knight in the point of service in the entire Order.

Louis T. Watson was born October 25, 1863 and died November 19, 1942. He joined Brighton Council #121. Elected Grand Knight in 1899, he was appointed District Deputy for five terms (1903-1908) and State Secretary for four terms (1908-1912).

Louis was elected State Deputy May 14, 1912-1916. Four councils were instituted during his leadership as State Deputy, Cohasset #1676, Clinton #1701, South Hadley #1721 and Saugus #1829. Membership grew from 23,742 in 1912 to 31,815 in 1916.

No Event within the State equals the Supreme Convention of 1913. Auxiliary

Bishop of Boston Joseph G. Anderson spoke of "the call to Knighthood".

Bishop Anderson struck a responsive chord among the Knights, when one recalls that on October 12, 1912 the Knights of Columbus of Lawrence Council helped turn the city away from violence when the International Workers of the World had stated a strike among textile workers.

The social question was not the only battle that faced the Knights of Columbus under Mr. Waters' tenure. It was the rise of the prejudice against the Order both locally and nationally. To combat this, the Order created a Commission on Religious Prejudice that existed from 1914-1917 with Past State Deputy Joseph C. Pelletier as one of this members.

Mr. Watson was a delegate to the Supreme Convention at least half a dozen times. He was Master of the Fourth Degree for 15 years (1918—1934). He also served the Massachusetts State Council as Executive Secretary from 1924-1939.

Installment 5 will be published next month.
Many thanks to Louis Gregoire.