

Governor
David I Walsh
Assembly # 403
Watertown, MA

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Meeting Schedule

March 23: Our Lady's Waltham
April 27: Sacred Heart Waltham
May 25: Watertown Council
June 15: Needham Council



Knights of Columbus

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Patriotic degree of the Order.

The Sextant Newsletter

Navigator's Message

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

So now what do I do with my old palms? I have consulted several sources including my pastor. Basically, they just need to be returned to nature. Blessed palms may be burned and returned to the earth or simply buried. You could even put it in your garden compost pile or scatter them when you take a walk in the woods. You can do the same with unused holy water or sprinkle it around your garden.



Schedule of Events:

Exemplification—May 6, 2016 in Hyannis.

Clam Bake - June 25 2:00 PM at the Watertown Council See Lou Gregoire for tickets. \$15.00 per person

Honor Guard Dinner - will be scheduled sometime this Spring. We will publish the date and information when we learn it.

The next meeting is at Our Lady's in Waltham on March 23.

Dues are due

Have you paid your dues yet? There are still a handful of members who have not paid their annual dues of \$12.00.

Please send your dues to the Faithful Comptroller

James J. Laurenza Jr. FDD
210 Pemberton Street
Cambridge, MA 02140-2511

Friendship Dinner: A communication was received from the Sacred Heart Council 14901:
 It is with great pleasure to invite you to a Friendship Dinner to be held in honor of our Brother, District Deputy Henry A. Pilla Jr. on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at St. Francis of the Sacred Heart Council 14091 311 River St Waltham.

The event is being held to support our District Deputy, who has been nominated by our council to be a delegate from the jurisdiction of Massachusetts to the 2017 Knights of Columbus Supreme convention to be held in St. Louis, Missouri.

The theme of the evening is Oldies with music and dancing. A raffle and door prize will be in the offering. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with a social hour to be followed by dinner at 7:00 pm.

The cost of the dinner is \$25.00 per person or a table for \$200.00. Those not attending may send a donation. Contact Jim at 617-661-9619 with any questions. Please complete the form below and return it with payment to:
 James J. Laurenza Jr. FDD
 Friendship Dinner Treasurer
 210 Pemberton Street
 Cambridge, MA 02140-2511

Please print and use this form to order tickets for this Friendship Dinner.

Name _____ Guest _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Council Name and Number _____

Number of Tickets _____ Table _____ Donation amount if you can not attend _____

Honor Guard Commander

▪ James Laurenza (PFN, PGK)



The Honor Guard dinner is being scheduled for this Spring at the Miller Ale House in Watertown. The date is to be determined. All Knights are welcome and encouraged to attend. The cost is \$30.00 per person and wives or girl-

friends are invited.

We were fortunate to have no call outs this past month.

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.



Council & KofC Activities and Events

St. Francis of the Sacred Heart Council 14092 will be hosting a Nite At the Races Friday, April 28, 2017. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Post Time 7:00 PM. Admission \$5.00 Door Prize \$100.00 Always a Fun Night. Contact Hank Pilla for tickets or purchase at the door.

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Council 14710 is hosting a Pasta Dinner on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 5:00 PM. Featuring **“A Night with Elvis.”** \$13.00 Couples and families \$25.00. Good Food and Great Entertainment. Contact Joe Nixon or Paul Loscocco for tickets

Needham Council 1611 is having a St. Patrick’s Day party at their council on March 18 2017 at their council hall with a Corn Beef dinner and featuring Irish Step dancers for entertainment.

Crozier Council #3973 Newton will be hosting a “Yard Sale” this spring” Date to be announced.

Dr. John McDevitt Council 16241 Waltham is running the **“40 Cans for Lent” program** at St. Mary’s Parish. Participants donate a non-perishable food to their St. Vincent de Paul Society food bank for each day of lent.

THE Massachusetts State Council 2017 LANTERN AWARD will be presented to James T. Brett, on Monday, April 17, 2017 at the Sharaton Framingham Hotel. Social Hour 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Tickets \$40.00 Per Person. An Order form can be found at the State Website <http://massachusettsstatekofc.org/>

Council events will be listed on a space available basis. It is the responsibility of individual councils to provide details of their events or activities.

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!

Massachusetts Knights of Columbus Day With the Pawtucket Red Sox Sunday, August 13 @ 1:35 P.M.

Special K of C Price Per Person \$12.00

Each \$12 ticket is “PRE-LOADED” with a Ballpark Credit of \$4 redeemable for Merchandise or Concessions.



Order your tickets through the State Office (781) 551-0628

This is a FUN Summer outing.

Ask the Navigator

Who was David I. Walsh?

David Ignatius Walsh

(November 11, 1872 – June 11, 1947) was a United States politician from Massachusetts. As a member of the Democratic Party, he served in the state legislature and then as the 43rd Lieutenant

Governor (1913–1914) and then as the 46th Governor (1914–1916). His first term in the U.S. Senate (1919–1925) was followed by a brief hiatus from government, after which he was elected to the U.S. Senate four times, serving from 1926 to 1947. Our Assembly was named after Governor Walsh

at the urging of Dr. John McDevitt who later became Supreme Knight. Governor Walsh was the first Catholic Governor of Massachusetts. The first installment of the History of the Governor David I Walsh Assembly appears in this issue of the Sextant.

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 Governor David I Walsh Assembly

Provided By James Laurenza PFN

Any history of this assembly must, of necessity, begin with Newton Council's Fourth Degree club. This has to be, since it is from that beginning that the Assembly had its origin.

Prior to 1952, the Fourth Degree Members of Newton Council were at the same time members of Cheverus Assembly of the Fourth, Degree who, in those days, had monthly meetings in the Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston, and usually on a Sunday afternoon.

Most of the Fourth. Degree members of Newton council were relatively new members, many of whom found it difficult, if not unseemly, to leave their families on a Sunday afternoon in order to attend Fourth Degree meetings. Moreover, it was the consensus at that time, that proper recognition was not given to the new members, that they were overlooked to some extent, a feeling which left many unhappy- To clarify this, it should be stated here that this feeling was probably exaggerated, that these newer mem-

bers, having that enthusiasm which is common to most new members of any organization felt

The forgoing should be not construed as an apology nor should it be interpreted as an indictment of Cheverus Assembly Obviously, newer members of any organization cannot be expected to have that expertise which is so necessary to the smooth running of the parent group.

However, be that as it may, at a subsequent date, the more active members of Newton council felt that they might promote the good of the order better by forming a club of their own by having monthly dinner meetings and to provide proper attendance at the wake and funeral of a departed Fourth Degree member of the Newton Council.

The enthusiasm of the then members increased commensurately with the passage of time and it was not long before serious thought was given to the possibility of forming our own Assembly. Advice was sought from the then Master for the

Massachusetts District of Cabot Province, John W. McDevitt, presently serving as Supreme Knight of the Order. Following a number of conferences with Dr. McDevitt, it was determined that an Assembly could be formed to include Newton council, Cardinal O'Connell Council, together with Brookline, Lexington, Needham, Waltham, Watertown and Wellesley Councils. At a later date, Crozier Council of Newton, Concord, and Bedford councils were added to the Assembly roster.

At the suggestion of Dr. McDevitt, the new Assembly would adopt the name of Governor David I Walsh, General Assembly, in honor of him who was the first Catholic Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Application was made to the supreme Master of the Fourth Degree, William J. Mulligan, and on Sunday, November 25, 1952, an-organizational meeting was held in the school hall of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Newton.

To be continued in the March issue.

FOUR PRINCIPLES FOUR REASONS