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**Assembly # 403**  
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Meeting Schedule

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



Knights of Columbus

**F O U R T H**  
**D E G R E E**

*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

**The Sextant Newsletter**

**Navigator's Message**

We are now one month into the new year and have several activities in the planning stage. Lent is but a month away and we have a new President.

By now, everyone should have received their dues notice. The Faithful Comptroller reports that dues collections are right on track. Dues take care of day to day expenses including postage, fraternal supplies and communications to name a few. If you have not paid your dues please take care of it soon.

February 22, 2017 marks the 117 anniversary of the first Fourth Degree exemplification. Originally scheduled for the Astor Hotel in New York City, it had to be moved to the Lenox Lyceum where 1,100 candidates received their Fourth Degree. The Second exemplification was held in Boston three months later where another 750 Third Degree knights became Sir Knights.



*First Exemplification Feb 22, 1900*

**Schedule of Events:**

Winter—Chili Cook-off Do you have a great chili recipe? Contact Ray Redlinger, Ron Hadley or me to participate.



We are still in the planning stage for this event.

Exemplification—May 6, 2016 in Hyannis.

Clam Bake June 25 Watertown Council

**Super Bowl LI**

**Football Party**

Fr. Daniel J Kennedy  
Needham Council #1611  
Sunday, Feb 5, 2017 4 pm

**\$25.00 Donation**

**Mike Fraini 781-552-1169**

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### Friendship Dinner: A communicatiwas 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.

We had our own Memorial Mass and then served at the Sons of Italy’s Memorial Mass and Crozier Council Memorial Mass.

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.



## Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

St. Blaise was a physician born in Sebaste, Armenia. He devoted himself zealously to the practice of Christianity and later became the Bishop of Sebaste at a time when Christians were being persecuted in early second century.

During the persecution of Licinius, St. Blaise moved from the town and lived as a hermit in a cave and cured wild animals he came upon. St. Blaise was later captured, imprisoned and tortured and executed for upholding his Christian faith. While imprisoned, visitors were permitted, many who were sick or injured and was able to cure and heal many.

His intercession was invoked for diseases of the Throat in the East. In the sixth century, St. Blaise became a popular Saint during the Middle Ages.

One reason for St. Blaise's popularity came from his being a physical performing miraculous cures especially those with throat ailments. Eventually, the custom of the blessing of throats arose. The priest held crossed candles to the throats while invoking the prayer of the saint and imparted God's blessing: **"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."** This practice continues on St. Blaise's feast day. February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise.



## Web Site

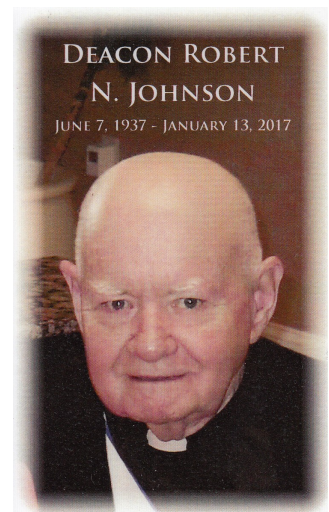


Our web site project has made a giant step forward. We found a site to host the domain and we have been issued a domain name. We are now designing web pages and gathering information to publish on the site. Newsletters will be available at this site. Those without email but have access to a computer 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

Deacon Bob was a charter member of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Council 14710 in Waltham and a member of our Assembly. He served as a Deacon in the Parish until his retirement two years ago. He was ordained a deacon May 17, 1986.



## Ask the Navigator

At the recent Church Wake of Deacon Johnson, a father brought his young daughter to us who wanted to know why we post our Honor Guards by the casket?

When a member of the Knights of Columbus dies, if he was a member of the Fourth Degree (the ones who

wear the plumes and have the swords), an honor guard is present during the Vigil of the Deceased.

*We do this as a mark of respect and honor for the deceased member. It is said that no man who stands with us never stands alone.*

*It is also comforting for the family to experience this tribute and will be remembered for a long time.*

*Near the end of a wake, the honor guard is relieved of its watch and usually leads the attendees in a prayer service and presentation of a certificate.*

## **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 5**

*Daniel J. Gallagher was born in Newton, on August 31, 1873 and died on March 23, 1953. He was elected the eighth State Deputy on May 9, 1916. On May 10, 1896, he became Charter Grand Knight of Council 167 in Newton, MA when he was appointed District Deputy (1912-1914). He had transferred to Dorchester Lower Mills Council 180.*

*Only Sacred Heart Council 1847 in Framingham, was instituted in 1916 under his tenure. Even though Mr. Gallagher left as his legacy in his first report at the State Convention on May 10, 1916 that Councils should merge. Only Newman 825 of Springfield merged with Home City 63 on April 15, 1917 and Maplewood Council 448 of Malden merged with Santa Maria 105 on October 5, 1919. The size of the Knights of Columbus continued to grow. From 31,815 in 1916 to 34,961 by 1917 and 36,466 by 1918. This increase of 4,651 in so short a time showed*

*that the Order was strongly alive even after the World War I.*

*One point that Mr. Gallagher emphasized before he left office was the need to circulate the Columbia. It was through its columns that \$50,000 was collected between 1899 and 1904 to endow a Chair of American History at Catholic University.*

*William J. Day was born on November 18, 1876 and died on May 30, 1950. He served as Grand Knight of Bunker Hill Council 62 (1911-1912), as District Deputy (1912-1916), delegate to the Supreme Convention (1914-1916) and State Secretary (1916-1918).*

*Mr. Day was elected as the 9th State Deputy in 1918 and served until 1921. The membership jumped from 38,446 members in 1918 to 72,049 members when he left office in 1921. As impressive as it is noted, it fell short of his goal of 75,000 members as stated at the State Convention of 1919. Seven councils were instituted*

*during his tenure. St. Augustine 2049 in Millville, Fr. John J. Flatley 2095 Canton, Maynard 2121 in Maynard, Orange 2135 in Orange, Monson 2151 in Monson, United 2212 in Springfield and North Quincy 2259 in Quincy.*

*The major challenge that faced Mr. Day was to organize the efforts of the Knights of Columbus to help servicemen in World War I. "Everybody Welcome! Everything Free!" became a slogan of the Order with the Bay State collected over half a million dollars*

*During the War, the Knights of Columbus followed the servicemen to the battlefield with chaplains. Among these volunteers, two Massachusetts priests, Oscar Boucher and John B. DeValles were cited for bravery. At the 1920 Convention, it went on record in support of the Congressional Medal of Honor for Father DeValles who died on May 12.*

*Our Assembly History starts next month*

**FOUR PRINCIPLES FOUR REASONS**