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Meeting Schedule

December—No Meeting

1/26/17 Needham



Knights of Columbus

**FOURTH
DEGREE**

Patriotic degree of the Order.

The Sextant Newsletter

Navigator's Message

Greetings Sir Knights,

Elections are over and on November 9, we woke up with a new President elect. Did the Catholic vote matter? Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson wrote an article for Crux, an independent Catholic news site, where he discusses the Catholic Vote should matter more not less. You can view his article on the Supreme website.

November was a busy month for our Honor Guard at both religious and civic events. The Honor Guard stands tall where ever they go under the guidance of the Commander, Jim Laurenza. Well done!

As you read this, Advent is upon us. Father James M. DiPerri is a guest contributor to the first appearance of the Friar's Desk Column. Advent is the subject of this month's column. If you know of a priest who would like to contribute to this column, please let me know.

For those of you attending the Christmas party, we are looking for gift donations for the raffle. Please contact Lou or me.



Lou Gregoire and Joe Nixon congratulate Seminarian Michael Elias, the Recipient of the 2016 RSVP Scholarship.

A Memorial Mass was held at Pope St. John XXIII Seminary in Weston for all deceased Knights of our Assembly. A donation of \$700.00 was made to the Seminary and a Seminarian Scholarship (RSVP) was awarded to Michael Elias.

May God Bless all my Brother Knights

Joe Nixon, Faithful Navigator

Schedule of Events:

12/8/16 Christmas Party Sichuan Garden
Lou Gregoire has ticktes. Contact Lou or me to reserve seats.

Winter—Chili Cook-off



Very Rev. Brian R. Kiely addresses guests at the Annual Communion Breakfast.

FOUR PRINCIPLES FOUR REASONS

The Friar's Desk by Rev. James M. DiPerri, Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Church

Advent is a season when we anticipate the Second Coming of Christ in all His glory. It is also a time we are grateful for His First Coming as Jesus the child born of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by the Power of the Holy Spirit. We are blessed by the Real Presence of Christ at each and every Mass, and each time we quietly honor the presence of the Eucharistic Christ in the Tabernacle.

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Above our Church Tabernacle, is a stained-glass window depicting the Child Jesus. Within the Eucharist is a wonderful symbol of the reality of Christ present in each and every consecrated Host. In that window, the baby Jesus extends His hands to

be picked up by a loving soul. The child has a joyful smile on His face in anticipation of our loving response to follow Him in love. May we embrace Our Lord on each and every occasion we receive the King-of-Kings and the

Lord-of-Lords. We are strengthened by God at each Mass as we journey together in

faith. May God continue to bless you and your families as we celebrate Advent and the upcoming Christmas season.

Father DiPerri is the Pastor Or Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Church in

Waltham, Chaplain for Council 14710 and a member of our Assembly.



The stained glass window at Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Church.

A note from the District Deputy - Henry Pilla (DD, PFN, PGK)



Wreaths have been used as a decorative sign of Christmas for hundreds of years. Christmas wreaths can adorn any part of your home, inside or out. The wreath has significant meaning for the season. From our Catholic perspective, it represents an unending circle of life as well as the eternity of God. The evergreen, used in making wreaths, symbolizes growth and everlasting life. The shaping of them into a circle reinforces that meaning. The wreath over the door brings warmth to our hearts as we stop to reflect upon the true meaning of this very special day.

Advent wreaths have four candles inserted representing the four weeks of Advent. There are three purple candles and one rose.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

Honor Guard Commander - James Laurenza (PFN, PGK)



November was a very active month. We started out the month on Veterans' Day with the services on Waltham Common. Then on the 12th there was a dedication in Waltham for SK Robert Williams. The city dedicated the intersection of Berkley and Copeland Streets in his memory. Later that same day the Honor Guard assisted in Crozier Council's Annual Memorial Mass. It was followed by their FREE spaghetti dinner. Finally, the Honor Guard assisted in the Assembly's Annual Mass at Pope St. John XXIII Sem-

inary. The morning ended with a buffet breakfast with the seminarians.

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.



ADVENT CHRISTMAS

H O A Q W K K E J E Z I R Q C
 H Z P O R U X L D T E J O Y E
 C U S E E R X I Y E X B E L B
 E H F S A H T T K R P Z M D B
 R U R E T C A U P N E C A G E
 A Q Y I H T E R C I C O N B T
 U H V H S G D G A T T M G M H
 L Z P I O T K I R Y A I E Q L
 N M U E S P M C O C T N R V E
 O H R D B I E A L I I G A M H
 E F P U C V T L S U O W T O E
 L Z L S O Y B I U O N D I A M
 R Z E L Y G T R O A M E R R Y
 Z J S T A R U U W I S E M E N
 O A C A N D L E S T X M X S G

WREATH	WISEMEN
CANDLES	STAR
ETERNITY	MERRY
PURPLE	CAROLS
HOPE	BETHLEHEM
LOVE	NOEL
JOY	
PEACE	
EXPECTATION	
CHRISTMAS	
COMING	
VISIT	
LITURGICAL	
YEAR	
MANGER	



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!

Calendar Raffle

The January Calendar Raffle Sales kicked off at our last meeting. Raffle packs were distributed to Council members for sale at their council. A drawing is held for every day in January. This is a great fund raiser for our Assembly and needs your support. It also makes for a great Christmas Gift for family members. Calendars cost \$10.00 each.

Support your Assembly

Officer Jewels

At the recent Installation of Officers, several jewels were missing including Trustee Jewels. If anyone has an officer's jewel in his possession, please turn it over to me or another officer. Jewels cost \$50.00 to replace. I have been told that in the past, the Faithful Pilot was the custodian of the Jewels and would distribute them at meetings and collect them at the meeting end. We will review this practice at the January Officers meeting.

Ask the Navigator

At the conclusion of Mass where the Honor Guard attended a woman asked why we wore "hats" in church. District Deputy Hank Pilla responded to this one.

There is no stricture against it at all. It is considered socially rude in the West for MOST people to wear hats inside ANY building (not just a church). There are, however, exceptions to these rules:

- 1) Women for whom their hat is clearly part of their outfit (and not just worn in addition to an outfit)
- 2) Clergy
- 3) Men carrying arms (rifle, sword, etc.)

Men carrying arms may and should wear their hats indoors.

Because the KofC Honor Guard fits under the final category when they are carrying their swords, they not only CAN wear hats indoors, but by social convention SHOULD wear them indoors, even in church. Once we have completed the procession and are "attending" Mass, we remove our chapeau.

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
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AL FRASSO PGN, WATERTOWN COUNCIL
ANDY LARSEN OUR LADY'S WALTHAM
REV. WILLIAM ENGLISH OUR LADY'S COUNCIL
WALTHAM

When was the last time you visited a sick relative, friend or brother knight? Take a few minutes out of your day and pay a visit to a sick friend. It will be uplifting for their spirit as well as their health.

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.

Governor David I Walsh Assembly

Honor Guard Members



James J. Laurenza Jr. (Commander)

Raymond LeBlanc

Louis S. Gregoire (Asst. Commander)

Mac Moran PGK

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Donald M. Lattig

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History of the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus

By Louis Gregoire PFN

Installment 3

Joseph C. Pelletier was born April 28, 1872 and died March 25, 1924. He was a charter member of Franklin Council #168 in Boston when it was instituted on April 26, 1896. He was elected State Deputy in 1901 when he was 29 years old. He served until 1906. To this date he is the longest serving State Deputy in the jurisdiction of Massachusetts. As State Deputy he witnessed the birth of the Boston Chapter in June, 1902. He also served as Supreme Director from 1901-1907.

In 1904, the membership totaled 14,314. By the time he left office, in 1906, the membership totaled 16,435. The number of councils grew from 120 to 127.

Fitton Council #84 of East Boston, originally instituted on December 21, 1893 as Excelsior Council, absorbed Orient Council #218 of East Boston in 1905.

From 1907-1922, the Supreme Council depended on Mr. Pelletier for legal advice since he had received his law degree in 1895 from Boston University. Shortly after his death, the State Council founded a scholarship at Boston College in his honor.

Daniel F. Buckley was born December 2, 1864 and died on December 23, 1958. He was a member of N. Easton Council #238 now Easton Council. He was appointed District Deputy from 1900-1906. He was a delegate to the Supreme Convention from 1906-1912.

When he was elected State Deputy in 1906 in Worcester, there was 127 councils and 16,435 members. The councils increased to 130 and 19,033 members when the state convention met in Boston in 1908 to elect a new State Deputy.

In Chelsea on April 12, 1908, a

fire destroyed a good part of the city and Fitton Council #84 came to the aid of the victims.

Like his predecessors, Mr. Buckley was the last State Deputy without having served in a position on the State Council.

Installment 4 will be published next month. Many thanks to Louis Gregoire for preserving and providing this bit of history. Coming in future issues will be The History of the David I Walsh Assembly. I hope to have our recorded history updated in the near future. If you have any old, current or interesting photos of our Assembly, your council, or the KofC in general, please email them to me for publication here.