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The Knight Reader

Grand Knight Report – Robert Malnati

COUNCIL OFFICERS 2025 – 2026

Grand Knight.....
Robert Malnati, GK

Chaplain.....
Father Patrick Alemayo

Deputy Grand Knight.....
Adam Rypinski

Chancellor.....
Ricky Walsh, DD, PGK, PFN

Warden.....
Derek Quirbach

Financial Secretary.....
James Barrows, PGK, FS

Treasurer.....
David Breen

Recorder.....
William Pacino

Advocate.....
Eugene Bartos, PGK, FDD

Lecturer.....
Robert Wilson Jr

Inside Guard.....
Jimmy O'Keefe

Outside Guard.....
Ray O'Neil

3rd Year Trustee.....
Louis Soracco, PGK, PFN

2nd Year Trustee.....
Joe Molligi

1st Year Trustee.....
Bob Chevalier, PGK

District Deputy.....
Paul Sidari, PGK, PFN, DD

Field Agent Tom Mahan
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Dear brother knights, June 2026

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as Grand Knight for the past 1066 days. With 30 to go, I'm looking forward with great hope. The Bishop Ruocco Council continues to "rock". Our brothers daily demonstrate that CHARITY and service are a way of life in the best Christlike tradition. The presence and visibility of Kof C in our community helps evangelize and strengthen Catholic People of Jesus.

I wish to thank you ALL, from the bottom of my heart, for the trust, support and friendship that you have given of so freely over the past 3-years, most especially during the past year. You have all become my family and I look forward to a continuation of your welcoming kindness, as I "retire". Peace, Love, Joy to you all.

During the month of May, council brothers and families accomplished an astonishing array of events: most are chronicled elsewhere in this newsletter. This is a moment of change. Father Fernando has been appointed a pastor and is moving on and up in service to God. With great joy we have welcomed our new Chaplain, Fr. Patrick Alemayo. New brother John Liro and Father Patrick were exemplified at the May member meeting. We mourn the passing back to Jesus of Luigi Iacoviello. The Oslin family of Blessed Trinity parish and the Giduthuri family of St John's parish, were recognized as Families of the year. 24 brothers attended the night of reflection at the Benedictine Abbey, 16 brothers and family served dinner at the Special Persons Prom. Of special note is the GREAT SUCCESS of our first ever FFF (fleas, food and fun) event; despite a generous sprinkling of "Holy Water". Many thanks to brothers Matthew Bartos and Adam Rypinski for masterminding and bringing to fruition this event which I believe will become a "Signature Event" in the future.

Slate of officers and proposed 2026-2027 budgets were presented and discussed and will be voted on at the June 8 members meeting (PLAN TO ATTEND). GK Bob and DGK Adam attended the State Convention. New state deputy will be Nicholas Melanchook, he has asked to attend our June member meeting. New state warden will be Edward Butler, our new council DD will be William (Bill) Killion. On this note, we extend our thanks for service as DD and congratulations as elected State representative to the Supreme convention, to our brother Knight Paul Sidari.

June will feature members meeting with new state officers, with a collation by Jean and Joanie Croteau and election of 2026-2027 council officers. Special Olympics at Harvard, Changing of the Guard and FAMILY pot luck on June 22. Also final arrangements for the July 3 Chelmsford Fair Food Tent and the 250th USA parade on July 4.

Notes for June council meeting

From GK Bob Malnati

- NOTE: time change, 5:00 to 6:00 PM, June 1 planning meeting is virtual by Google Meet
- June members meeting collation will be from Jean and Joanie Croteau.
- Changing of the guard/ Family social meeting/ POT LUCK will be on Monday June 22, 6:30 PM, Paul center.

Special Olympics Summer Games, June 6

From Charlie DeStefano

Michelle Henrikse (Volunteer Operations Manager, Special Olympics MA, is excited that the knights are again returning to judge the Volleyball games at the Summer Olympics Games.

Event: 2026 Summer Games: Volunteers, Job Assignment: Volleyball Line Judge, Knights of Columbus

Date and check in time, June 6, 2026, 8:30 AM

End date/time, June 7, 2026, 4:00 PM. Duration of volunteer shift: 7.5 hours

Location: Harvard University - 65 N Harvard St Boston MA 02134

A week prior to the event we will receive a confirmation which will include parking areas. Anyone interested that would like to carpool, we will meet behind St Anne Church in the rear parking lot between 7:00AM and 7:30AM.

Bishop Ruocco Council Fraternal Year 2026-2027

Slate of Officers, Proposed by Nomination Committee Vote at June 8 election

Grand Knight	Matthew Bartos
Deputy Grand Knight	Adam Rypinski
Chancellor	Derek Quirbach
Warden	Jeremy Tucker
Financial Secretary	James Barrows (appointed)
Treasurer	David Breen
Recorder	Daniel Gregory
Advocate	Richard Walsh
Lecturer	Robert Wilson Jr. (appointed)
Inside Guard	Raymond O'Neil
Outside Guard	Declan Reidy
3 rd Year Trustee	Joseph Molligi
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1 st Year Trustee	Robert Malnati

K of C scholarship winners

In ceremonies during Mass, representatives from Bishop Ruocco council presented two scholarship awards of \$1,000 each.



Brother knight Matt Bartos presents the scholarship award to Gianna Buscemi



Scholarship winner Emily Pizzuto receives her award from brother knight James Barrows and Fr. Fernando

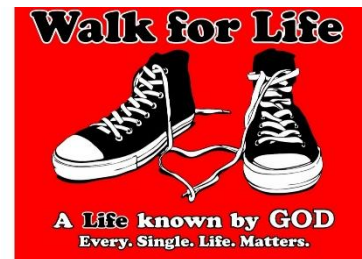
July 4th Summer Fair and Parade

The 3rd of July food booth is an important fund raiser for the council. While it is a lot of work, it is also a lot of fun and a great way to get to know your fellow brothers. In the past, we ran the food booth both days of the celebration. This year, we will open the food booth only for July 3rd.

On the 4th of July, as many knights as possible will march in the town parade.

As you can imagine, it takes a small Knights of Columbus army to run the food booth and march in the parade. Please prayerfully consider volunteering with us.

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Walk for Life, Pregnancy Care Center

Sat 8:30 AM, June 13 in Lawrence at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

For signup and further information,

<https://pccfriends.org/events>

Special Needs Prom brings out the best in K of C support



Dancing



Eating



Party atmosphere



God's Special People Prom – 2026

The prom for the special needs young adults and older adults was held on Thursday May 14, 2026, at Tewksbury.

The number of knights and others who volunteered for this yearly event was 38 (see photo below). The number of Bishop Ruocco Council volunteers and support was 16.

This year the Tewksbury K of C council, who coordinates the event, wanted the Bishop Ruocco Council to cook the food at the Tewksbury Knights of Columbus Hall starting around 2:30 PM on May 14. Cooked hotdogs and hamburgers then had to be transported to the Tewksbury High School where the prom was held. The Bishop Ruocco Council, as in years past, served the food to a dancing crowd.





Council Hosts its First Ever "Fleas, Food, and Fun" Event!

From Matt Bartos

The Council planned and ran its very first flea market, which was held on Saturday, May 9 at St Anne's church in Littleton, MA. Brother knights Adam Rypinski and Matt Bartos spearheaded this new venture, and with the help of nearly 20 brother knights and their spouses, the event was quite a successful showing! Despite the damp and dreary weather provided by Mother Nature, nearly 40 vendors showcased their treasures.

In addition, the church parking lot featured a constant stream of incoming shoppers and onlookers. Another noteworthy benefit was approximately \$3,000 in profits.

Vendors, shoppers, and even brother Knights shared their positive thoughts about the friendly atmosphere during the flea market, with many asking when the council plans to host its next one. And we intend to do so – be on the lookout for our second annual **Fleas, Food, and Fun** in 2027.



Exemplification of new brother knights

Fr. Patrick Alemayo, and John Liro

Fr. Patrick also becomes the new chaplain for the Bishop Ruocco council as Fr. Fernando has been promoted to All Saints Church in Haverhill as pastor.

Exemplification held May 11 at Paul center.

(L to R) GK Bob Malnati; Fr. Patrick Alemayo; John Liro; PGK Gene Bartos; Declan Reidy; PGK Ubaldo Mendes; PGK, DD Paul Sidari.



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June 13, 2026 – Day of Reflection, Braintree.

The World Apostolate of Fatima, Archdiocese of Boston, cordially invites you to attend the Annual Meeting/Day of Reflection to honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Pastoral Center of the Archdiocese of Boston, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree. The guest speaker, Father Jason Worthley, will present a talk on “Our Lady teaches us hope.” Pre-registration is required. To register, please e-mail Lorraine at Lma4171@gmail.com or call 617-763-4093.

Meet Reverend Father Patrick Ogbonyomi Alemayo



A Brother Knight of Columbus

Chaplain of Bishop Ruocco Council of the Knights of Columbus

It is with joy that we introduce Fr. Patrick as a worthy Brother Knight of Columbus and a Chaplain of Bishop Ruocco Council of the Knights of Columbus. He was sworn in as a Brother Knight and voted in as a Chaplain on Monday, May 11, 2026. Fr. Patrick—named after the Second Catholic Patron Saint of Nigeria—was born on Friday, March 14, 1980 (Three days before St. Patrick’s Feast Day, March 17), to Chief Stephen (of Blessed Memory) and Mrs. Grace Alemayo from Kabba, Nigeria. The third of five children, he grew up in Lokoja, where his family attended the Catholic Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception in his home Diocese.

Fr. Patrick earned a B.A. degree in Philosophy (2002) through the Spiritan School of Philosophy, Nsukka, Nigeria; a B.A. degree in Religion (First Class Honors - 2006) through

the Spiritan International School of Theology (SIST), Attakwu, Enugu, Nigeria; and an M.A. degree in Theology (2007) from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, through SIST, Nigeria, before being ordained a Catholic priest on July 21, 2007. While in Nigeria, Fr. Patrick worked as a Parish Priest, Parochial Vicar, University Chaplain, Lecturer, Seminary Formator, and the Registrar of SIST, Nigeria.

In 2017, Fr. Patrick earned a Ph.D. in Peace and Strategic Studies at the University of Ilorin, Nigeria, and later that same year, he came to Boston College and obtained a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) with specialization in Biblical Studies in 2019. Fr. Patrick also earned a Doctorate in Sacred Theology (S.T.D.) with specialization in Biblical Studies in 2024 from Boston College.

Fr. Patrick is a member of the Nigerian North-West Province of the missionary religious Congregation of the Holy Spirit, known in some parts of the United States of America as Spiritans or Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers. Fr. Patrick is also a full member of two prestigious professional associations here in America: The Catholic Biblical Association of America and the Society of Biblical Literature.

Although his choice of a religious vocation has taken him far away from his family, his biological family remains a strong and positive influence on him and has influenced him to share similar positive experiences with others.

Since 2018, Fr. Patrick has been a part of the Holy Rood Collaborative Family. He is currently assigned as a full-time Parochial Vicar and Chaplain of the African Catholic Community in the Holy Rood Collaborative.

Families of the Year, Holy Rood/ Blessed Trinity



Holy Rood Family of Year, the Giduthuri family

The folks in the picture, from left to right are:

Bob Chevalier, Fr. Brian Mahoney, Fr. Stanislaus, Nathan, Navya, Naisha, Kishore, Latha Giduthuri and Ubaldo Mendes



Blessed Trinity Family of Year, the Oslin family

Left to right, rear row (adults): Phil, Marty, Jane, David, Philip

In front of David is wife Samantha holding Evelyn. In front of Philip is wife Katy holding Stephen. In front of Phil and Marty is PJ. Hidden behind the ambo next to Grand Knight Bob Malnati are grandchildren John, Peyton, and twin girls Ella and Noor.

Report from the State K of C convention, May 2026

From DGK Adam Rypinski and GK Robert Malnati



DGK Adam Rypinski and GK Robert Malnati, attended the 2026 State Convention in Hyannis MA

Highlights

Elections for 26-28 state officers were held. State Deputy elect is Nicholas Melanhook. New State Warden elect is Edward Butler. Our own DD and council brother Paul Sidari was elected to be a voting representative to the International Convention in Denver Colorado.

We have been assigned a new DD as of July 1; He will be Bill Killion. Council was recognized for 100% achievement of membership growth. Financial reports show State Charity Fund year on year asset growth as follows: 2024- \$5,020,032, 2025-\$5,354,694, 2026 estimated \$ 5,650,000 Disbursements as of April 30, 2026 of \$38,487.

Resolution 14 authorized approved withdrawal from the Christopher Fund. Therefore, on July 1, 2026, the sum of \$637,455.00 will be withdrawn and paid to THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION. Resolution 4, approved the disbursement of \$17,000 (total) to the 5 dioceses of Massachusetts. Per capita assessment for 26-27 was retained at \$10.00 per member. Total unbillable members 19,557, Billable members 16,872. Total councils in the Commonwealth 219. This is a summary report of significant items. Brothers wishing to know more are most welcome to examine the documents in possession of both DGK Adam and GK Bob.

Well-crafted wooden American flag available via raffle

From James Barrows and Bob Malnati

James and Bob noticed a vendor at our recent Flea, Food and Fun market held at St. Anne and decided to purchase this outstanding wooden flag. Very authentic-looking, just in time for 250th anniversary of United States Declaration of Independence

The wooden flag is 3' x 19". \$5 a ticket or 5 for \$20.

Raffle drawing after the June 8 meeting.

Contact James Barrows to purchase tickets, Knights9275@gmail.com



Saint Benedict's Abbey visit, from May 18

From Adam Whitehouse



Vespers at 6 PM in the chapel

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*How Great Thou art! Saint Benedict
Pray for us!*

*Brother knight Adam Whitehouse
and Brother Jerome Daignault*



Listening to Brother Jerome in the Relic room

Brother knights from the Bishop Ruocco council 9275 carpooled to beautiful Still River (Harvard) Massachusetts. We arrived at the Saint Benedict's Abbey early enough as to greet each other and take pictures of the beautiful scenery.

We went inside before vespers started and vespers started promptly at 6:00pm. It was reverent and holy to take part of the vespers with monks of the abbey. Most of us didn't know the Latin that the vespers were said in. But we followed along with a book that was useful.

After vespers, we walked through the long hallways of the abbey to the dining room and enjoyed a delicious meal, prepared by the monks. After dinner, we listened to a talk from Brother Jerome Daignault and had desserts in the relic room while we were listening to his talk.

Brother Jerome Daignault said to keep doing great work in charity with the knights. Brother Jerome Daignault said that there are many evils around us that we need to stay close to Christ. Brother Jerome Daignault thanked everyone for coming to the night of reflection. He gave a blessing at the end of the evening.

Pillars of growth in the K of C – Three pillars of the Knights of Columbus: our faith formation programs, including COR; our Faith-in-Action programs; and, our council growth activities, are designed to work together to help councils be strong and stay strong. They provide structure and a continuous influx of new men who are here for Him today and wish to be actively engaged in both learning their faith and putting it into action. Growth is very important for maintaining council vigor, so it can offer the activities found in the first two pillars in their rich fullness. Growth instead of membership, inviting instead of recruiting, goals instead of quotas. *From the Ohio Growth Plan (K of C), "We are called".*



Local route for June USA 250 Eucharistic pilgrimage

This June, the Archdiocese of Boston will participate in a month-long Eucharistic pilgrimage across the Eastern U.S. in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the country's founding.

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, entitled "One Nation Under God," will travel from St. Augustine, Florida, to Philadelphia from May 24 to July 5, stopping in Boston from June 26 to 28.

Under the patronage of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, nine young adults will serve as "perpetual pilgrims," accompanying the Blessed Sacrament on a journey through 18 dioceses in 13 states and Washington, D.C. The procession will make its way through some of the Eastern Seaboard's most historic cities and landmarks.

June 28, 2026

Adoration and Benediction

5:00 to 5:30 PM

St. Brigid, 1995 Massachusetts Ave., Lexington, MA

Join Archbishop Henning at St. Brigid for Adoration and Benediction

Eucharistic Procession

5:30 to 6:00 PM

St. Brigid, 1995 Massachusetts Ave., Lexington, MA

Join the Eucharistic Procession from St. Brigid church to historic Lexington Battle Green

Mass at Lexington Battle Green

Battle Green, 1625 Massachusetts, Lexington, MA

Join Archbishop Henning for a Mass of Thanksgiving on the Battle Green where the first shots of the American Revolutionary War were fired on April 19, 1775.

June 2026 message to council

From Tom Mahan, Field Agent



Brothers,

Father's Day is June 21. When you think of the qualities of a good father, what comes to mind?

You might picture someone who leads by example, works hard, makes sacrifices, unconditionally.

I think one of the most important ways a father shows his love is when he protects his family in this world that can be so uncertain.

For example, we can't always control what influences the world might have on our family's lives. That's why a father knows it's crucial to guard his family spiritually, leading by example in faith.

Similarly, we can't always predict how life circumstances might impact our ability to provide for our families financially. Will our employment remain secure? Will we experience a long-term disability? And, as much as we don't like to think about it, will the Lord call us home at a time we don't expect?

There are many unknowns, but there are things you can do to protect your family and build security. For example, you can guard your loved ones through life insurance, long-term care insurance and disability income insurance.

If you have any questions, contact your agent to schedule a time to meet at www.kofc.org/faa

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Prayer for Aging Gracefully

17th Century Nun's Prayer

Lord,
Though knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old.

Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wing to get to that point.

Seal my lips on my aches and pains.

They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is

becoming sweeter as the years go by.

I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a Saint, some of them are so hard to live with, but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

Author Unknown from Xavier University, Cincinnati

PRAYER REQUESTS+

Please keep the following brothers and their families and caregivers in your prayers:

- Michelle Mosher, daughter of Dave Breen
- Brother knight Chris Cantrell
- Brother Paul Sidari, chronic health issues

For those who are sick or in distress, remember that you are in our prayers at each meeting and in the private prayers of our hearts. If you know of a brother knight or family member who would like to be included in our prayers, please contact one of the individuals below:

Grand Knight Robert Malnati at randrmalnati@gmail.com

Chancellor Ricky Walsh at rwalsh1981@icloud.com

Newsletter deadlines/ Check Spam folder weekly

Note: The next issue of the council Newsletter will be published in advance of the September 2026 council meetings. Instead of being collected in a single monthly newsletter, any and all council news, events, notices will be sent immediately via Flocknotes (council email).

Articles that are intended to be included in the September 2026 issue of this newsletter must be e-mailed to Bill Pacino at knights_news@yahoo.com by August 21. The newsletter will be published before the first meeting of the month of September.

Note: Check your Spam folder every week to make sure your email provider is not electronically judging the messages and monthly newsletter from your local council as Spam mail. You will be surprised how many legitimate email messages end up in the Spam folder.

Meeting times -The monthly planning (first Monday), members (second Monday) and social (fourth Monday) meetings begin at 7:00 PM. Meetings are held at The Paul Center, 39 Concord Road, Chelmsford.

knights9275.com – Use the Bishop Ruocco council web site for past newsletters and meeting minutes; for officer links; Supreme news.

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2025-2026 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Chair	Time & Place
June	2026		
1	Planning Meeting	Matt Bartos	Note: Time change: 5:00=6:00 PM virtual via Google Meet
6	Special Olympics at Harvard University	Charlie DeStefano	Volunteers sought
8	Members Meeting - Elections	Bob Malnati	Collation at 6:30 PM by Jean and Joan. 7:00 PM meeting @ Paul Center
13	Walk for Life	Pregnancy Care Center	Sat 8:30 AM, June 13 in Lawrence at Veterans Memorial Stadium. https://pccfriends.org/events
22	Family social Meeting, Changing of the Guard	Bob Malnati	Pot Luck supper, 6:30 PM @ Paul Center
July	2026		
3- 4	July 4 th booth and parade, Chelmsford	Matt Bartos	Volunteer help needed, July 3 – food; July 4 -- parade
6	Planning Meeting	Matt Bartos	7:00 PM @ Paul Center
13	Members Meeting	Matt Bartos	7:00 PM @ Paul Center
TBD	Installation of officers	Bill Killion/ Matt Bartos	St. Catherine Hall, Westford, 6-8 PM
August	2026		
Aug 3	Planning meeting		7:00 pm @ Paul Center
Aug 9	Special Needs summer carnival	Matt Bartos	The Paul Center 8:00 AM Serve Breakfast 8:00 AM Set up Games 9:30 AM Start games
	Silver Rose ceremony	Paul Sidari	3 PM at St. Catherine
Aug 10	Members Meeting		7:00 pm @ Paul Center

COR meeting, June – The next meeting of COR will be June 25 (third Thursday of month)1. Going forward, the Supreme Chaplain's monthly reflections & challenges will be used as topics.

What are the numbers in this council newsletter?

From Bill Pacino, newsletter editor

14-pages, 16-articles

20 photos used out of 65 submitted to newsletter editor

Council photographers: James Barrows; Adam Whitehouse; Bob Malnati; Adam Rypinski; Bob Chevalier; Ubaldo Mendes; Matt Bartos; Lou Soracco; Paul Sidari

Total number of pages in 10 issues of 2025-2026 council newsletter (Volume 40) = 96



Photo taken at FFF event