

Knights of Columbus

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May Newsletter

2026

Regular Meeting—May 5 & 19 at 8PM

Surge Meeting — May 12 at 7:30

Hour of Adoration— May 8 & 22 at 8PM

Saturday Knights Club—May 2 at 7PM

GRAND KNIGHT Steve Minchello CHAPLAIN Fr. Wayne Belschner DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT Paul Lahiff CHANCELLOR Robert Curran, P.G.K.	RECORDER William Killion, PGK FINANCIAL SECRETARY Stephen Heaslip TREASURER Steve Riley, PGK ADVOCATE Andrew Lawlor, P.G.K.	WARDEN Kevin McSheffrey INSIDE GUARD Bill Cristo OUTSIDE GUARD Open Position	TRUSTEE - 3 YRS. Ed Evans, PGK. TRUSTEE - 2 YRS. Frank Fico, P.G.K. TRUSTEE - 1 YR. Joe Griffin, P.G.K.
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On the web at www.dedhamkofc234.org

50-50 Fund Raiser: We sold 44 tickets for this fund raiser. The goal of this was to pay for the Clergy Appreciation Dinner, and we achieved our goal. Thank you to all who participated in this fund raiser. The winners were as follows: Joe Griffin—\$1000 James Brothers—\$500 Steve Riley—\$200 Mike DeWinter—\$200 Rick Glockelman—\$200 Mike Podolski—\$200 Kevin McSheffrey—\$200

Coffee Hour at St. Mary's: This will be held on May 3 after the 9AM Mass at St. Mary's. This is not only a good recruiting opportunity, but a great time to be with your brothers in a casual and fun environment. Come join us.

Jonathan Saniuk: Jonathan, one of the seminarians we support via stipends, will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday May 16 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. He has invited everyone in the Council and their families to attend. On Sunday, Jonathan will celebrate his first Mass at St. Mary of the Annunciation in Cambridge at on May 17 at 3PM. He has invited everyone to that event as well. Congratulations to Jonathan. These stipends are only possible through the generous support of our Council members. Dedham Council supports more seminarians than any other council in the state. This is one of the most important charitable causes we support.

Birthright—Mothers Day Carnation Drive: We will once again be giving flowers to mothers at the end of all the Masses at St. Mary's on Mothers Day Weekend (May 9 & 10). All funds donated by the parishioners at St. Mary's get donated to Birthright. This is a pro-life organization which encourages poor women to keep their babies by providing essential needs to them such as diapers, baby clothes, cribs, etc. Please take the time at one of these masses to help in this worthwhile cause.

Scholarships: The scholarship application for high school seniors who are children of a member of Dedham Council is on our website. Application deadline is May 12.

Motions: There were two motions voted on and approved in April

Saturday Knights Club: We will have our next meeting on Saturday May 2 at 7PM in the clubroom. We will have a combination Kentucky Derby night and a Cinco de Mayo. Ladies, wear your finest hat. Gentlemen, where is your derby? Should be a fun night.,

Eucharistic Adoration: May 8 and 22 at 8PM St Joseph's Chapel. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some quiet, reflective time with Jesus—one on one. He's waiting for you.

Clergy Appreciation Dinner: This was held on April 24 in Norwood. We also had an in-person Exemplification (shown below). It was a great night.

One of the things we did separately was to nominate Fr. Wayne for the **State Blessed Michael McGivney Award**. We can't think of a more deserving priest and we hope the State Council agrees with us. Here is what we wrote in the nomination form:

Our Chaplain, Fr. Wayne Belschner is a role model for every pastor in any parish. He has grown our parish tremendously since his arrival, even during the difficult Covid years. He has instituted perpetual adoration and promotes it steadily. He has started a young adult group, which has grown and which has spawned several marriages and vocations. He has fostered from our parish family, other groups including monthly women's and men's social nights, Connected in Christ monthly events, book clubs, prayer groups. Most of these groups meet in the rectory, so he has opened up his home to the whole parish. This year, he is the only priest in our parish, yet he still says 13 daily masses, including one in Latin, and 5 weekend masses in addition to funerals. He started a food pantry program in the parish so we coordinate with the Dedham food pantry according to their greatest needs. He also promotes the Knights of Columbus continuously, and is supportive of all of our efforts. He is a member of our Exemplification Team. He is a proud 4th Degree Knight, and insisted on being our Chaplain, despite all of the other commitments he has

made. He is filled with the Holy Spirit and is welcoming of people of all ages. People are naturally drawn to him because he is so approachable and human and down to earth.



Attendance Prize: Arnold Alfonte (\$147) and Steve Murphy (\$157) not present

Volunteering at VA: It's two hours from 9-11AM on the second Wednesday of the month at the VA Hospital in West Roxbury. We have 4 brothers who faithfully attend but there is room for more. Our Grand Knight was present at a special awards dinner on May 24 to thank volunteers for their efforts, and the VA was very appreciative of Dedham Council 234 efforts.

Lantern Award Banquet: Dedham Council and Bishop Minihan Assembly (4th Degree) attended the Lantern Award Banquet on April 20. The recipient was Archbishop Richard Henning (pictured below). It was a wonderful night and the hall was filled with roughly 300 people Archbishop Henning gave a moving speech. Pictured are members of our Council and Assembly.



MOTION

That Dedham Council 234 appropriate the sum of \$406.25 to purchase 625 carnations for the Mothers Day Carnation Drive for Birthright. Submitted by Bill Killion, PGK and seconded by Steve Riley, PGK