Knights of Columbus

DEDHAM COUNCIL NO. 234

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December Newsletter
2026

Regular Meetings—Dec 1 & 15 at 8PM
Surge Meeting — Dec 8 at 7:30PM
Hour of Adoration— Dec 11 at 8PM

Saturday Knights Club—Dec 5 at 6PM

GRAND KNIGHT Paul Lahiff **CHAPLAIN** Fr. Wayne Belschner **DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT** Kevin McSheffrey **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** Richard Gockelman **INSIDE GUARD** Bill Cristo **OUTSIDE GUARD** Open Position	**TRUSTEE - 3 YRS.** Steve Minchello, PGK. **TRUSTEE - 2 YRS.** Ed Evans , P.G.K. **TRUSTEE - 1 YR.** Frank Fico, P.G.K.

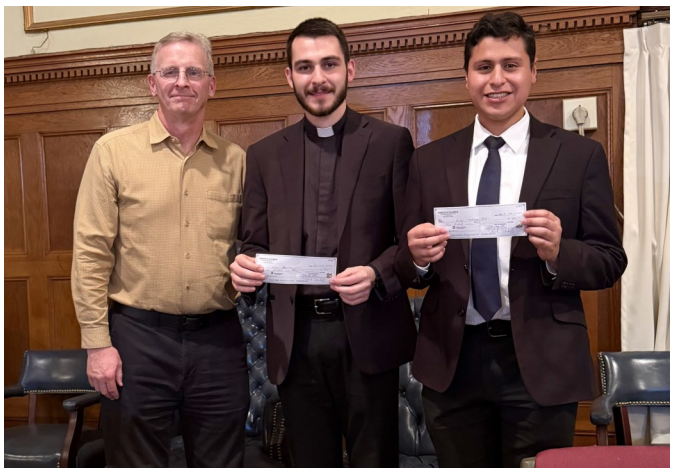
On the web at www.dedhamkofc234.org

Men's March: This was a great event. We had 11 members of our council attend, the second most in the state. It was a beautiful and thankfully peaceful (though not quiet) day. We marched to the Boston Common and heard some fantastic speakers. Pictured are some of our members at the bandstand in the Common.



Fourth Degree: All members of the Council who are 3rd Degree members (that's most of us) are invited to join the Fourth Degree (Patriotic Degree). There will be an Exemplification on Jan 24 in Arlington at 1:30PM. Contact Steve Riley (hockeypop7@comcast.net) for details.

Jokes my Irish father told me event: This was a wonderful event and so well attended. We sold 78 tickets and between the tickets and the 50/50, and the refreshments, we are able to fully fund all of our stipends for our seminarians. Pictured are the Grand Knight with seminarians Rafel Stefano Rubio and Luco Azzina, both from Redemptoris Mater in Chestnut Hill. Thanks to all of the brotherswho attended and especially those who put in the work and made it come together.



Coffee Hour at St. Mary's: Our next coffee hour is on December 5 after the 9AM Mass. This will be in conjunction with the Advent Party we are hosting along with the CCD program at St. Mary's. Please come and help out with both.

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Motions: The two motions brought forward in October and voted on in November passed.

Saturday Knights Club: We had our meeting in November and everyone brought items for our Thanksgiving baskets. We put them together and they are BIG. They also include a $50 gift card to Stop and Shop, donated by the SKC. These were brought to Fr. Wayne who will give to two poor families. This is wonderful charity. We will meet on December 5 at 6PM at Traditions in Dedham to sing Christmas carols to the residents there.



Memorial Mass: Our annual Memorial Mass was held on November 18 at the SMA House. It was very well attended and the Mass was beautiful, with an excellent collation after. Pictured are Steve Riley, PGK and Faithful Navigator and Kevin Leach, PGK and Faithful Trustee of the Bishop Minihan Assembly, along with Fr. Darcy and Fr. Richard.



Eucharistic Adoration: December 11 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.

Investment Club: Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM

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 now have 5 brothers who faithfully attend on Fridays to assist patients, but there is room for more.

Notre Dame Football Game: Every year, a bunch of Knights from Dedham Council drive out to South Bend to tour the beautiful campus of Notre Dame and to attend a football game. This year, ND played Boston College. We also attended a hockey game there and the day before, we did a service project for a local parish in South bend, clearing out brush, putting down stone to prevent erosion, and moving a fire pit. Pictured is the "crew" for this effort. It was a great time.



Coats for Kids: Our council purchased 3 cases of new winter-coats—each with 12 coats in them and we donated them to the Avery School for distribution to children who don't have a coat. Almost all of them are already spoken for. Pictured is Bill Killion, PGK, Avery School Nurse Cory Burns, Kevin McSheffrey, Sheila Bennett (recently retired nurse at the Avery and Bill's sister), and Frank Galvin, PGK.



Soccer Challenge: We cancelled this event this year because it was raining all day, and this was on the raindate. There was very little participation because of the weather. Let's hope for better weather next year.

Attendance Prize: Jim Tuite and David Johnson $25 (not present)

Motions:

1) That Dedham Council 234 appropriate the sum of $200 to pay for expenses for the St. Mary's Advent Party. All unused funds to be returned to the Council. Submitted by Jerry Alberico, PGK and seconded by Rob Curran, PGK

2) That Dedham Council 234 appropriate the sum of $1000 for a donation to St. Mary's for the Grand Annual. Submitted by Steve Riley, PGK and seconded by Bill Killion, PGK