



# Knights of Columbus

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### COUNCIL OFFICERS

#### 2017 – 2018

- Grand Knight.....  
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- Chaplain.....  
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- Chancellor.....  
PAUL L. SIDARI
- Warden.....  
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- Financial Secretary.....  
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- Treasurer.....  
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- Recorder.....  
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ADAM W. WHITEHOUSE
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JOHN E. BIELEFELD, PGK
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## The Grand Knight Report – Ubaldo Mendes

Dear Brother Knights,

I'm sure you will agree with me that it feels great to finally enjoy some warm weather and extra daylight these last few weeks. As we approach summer we have had a few things going on in our council this past month.

I'm happy to report that we gave money to two seminarians under the RSVP program. We as a council added to the donations that we collected from the Chelmsford Collaborative to give out a total of \$2500 to William Foley III and Colin McNabb. Both seminarians are from our community and have served at St. John's in the past.

On May 16<sup>th</sup> some of us attended the God's Special People Prom at the Tewksbury Country Club. I attended for the first time and it was a great experience to see the enthusiasm among the participants. It simply warms the heart to see everyone have a great time. Thanks to Barry Bell for involving our council for the past 10 years.

Our social meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup> was praying the rosary at St. Mary's Church. Thanks to Paul Sidari for helping to organize this event.

Our slate of officers is ready for this fraternal year and as previously announced elections to our council will be held at the business meeting this month. Also, our July 4<sup>th</sup> fundraiser is a month away. We need a lot of help in different areas – right from booth setup and breakdown, to walking in the parade, cooking etc. Eric Kibblehouse will be chairing the event. You can contact him at [ejibble@hotmail.com](mailto:ejibble@hotmail.com).

As I end my term in June as Grand Knight, this is my last report. We undertook a lot this year and we could not have achieved as much without the support and hard work put in by all of you, along with the Lord's abundant blessings every step of the way. I'm greatly indebted to all of you for the support you have provided me this past year. A sincere thank you from the bottom of my heart to all the brothers, especially my brother officers, and wives. Thank you.

In conclusion a quote from St. Teresa of Calcutta:

***We cannot do great things on this Earth, only small things with great love.***



On the weekend of May 19, Gene Bartos and I attended the State KofC Convention. This was our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a great milestone to cross. Elections were held, and our new State Deputy is Paul Flanagan. Pictured is Paul O'Sullivan, SD presenting our council the third-place award for the Tootsie Roll Drive. We donated \$10,050.00 to the state. Thanks to Mike O'Malley, George Coughlin and John Bielefeld who chaired this event and all who helped.

Yours in HIS love,  
Ubaldo Mendes, Grand Knight

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please keep the following brothers and their families and caregivers in your prayers: Judy Kelley’s Mother, Jeanne Gagne (Tom Kelly’s Mother-in-Law); Tony Bowen - Paul Rigazio’s daughter’s father-in-law; Rev. Raymond Benoit; Rev. Tom Corcoran; Rev. Peter Quinn; Bob Wheeler; Dick Lindsey; Arthur Ayers, son-in-law of Joe McGrath; Tony and Laura Sidari, Son and daughter-in-law of Paul Sidari; Maura Dolan, mother of Jim Dolan; George Coughlin’s wife, Betty and his daughter, Kay; Tom Callery; Don Desfosse and his wife Trudy; Frank Peabody; Ralph Nelson; Chuck Hirt; Joe Wissman; Tom Kelleher and his son, Richard Kelleher; Ann Sousa, wife of Mike Sousa; Dolores Carroll; Al and Carol Hanley; Doris Dzuris, wife of Deacon Bob Dzuris; the MacDonald family-- Connor, Jennifer and Frank MacDonald; Paul Pearsall; Joe Daley (19 yr. old son) of Tim Daley; Cheryl Massey, daughter of George Ripsom; Joanne Carignan, close friend of Nelson McCarthy; Meghan Dwyer, grand-daughter of Al and Carol Hanley; Jerry Curtin; and Tammi Cantrell, wife of Chris Cantrell.

For those who are sick or in distress, please 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.

Also, we would like to know any births, wedding or deaths so that we may respond appropriately.

Grand Knight Ubaldo Mendes at [umendes77@gmail.com](mailto:umendes77@gmail.com) or Chancellor Paul Sidari at [plsgoirish@hotmail.com](mailto:plsgoirish@hotmail.com) or Newsletter Editor/Publisher Bill Pacino at [kofcnews@yahoo.com](mailto:kofcnews@yahoo.com).

**OFFICER NOMINATIONS 2018-2019**

Grand Knight	Eric J. Kibblehouse
Deputy Grand Knight	Paul L. Sidari
Chancellor	Charles DeStefano
Warden	Adam W. Whitehouse
Financial Secretary	James S. Barrows
Treasurer	Paul D. Brzezanski
Recorder	Michael O’Malley
Advocate	Louis F. Soracco
Lecturer	OPEN
Inside Guard	Joseph P. McGrath
Outside Guard	William Foley
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee	John E. Bielefeld, PGK
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee	Eugene F. Bartos, PGK
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee	Ubaldo A. Mendes, PGK

The Election of Officers will take place at the June Business Meeting. The Names listed above, were read in as the Grand Knight’s Slate at the May Business Meeting. Additional Nominations, from the floor, may be made from the floor at the June Business Meeting.

## **Bishop Ruocco Council 9275 Knights of Columbus**

### **SIGN UP SHEET FOR BOOTH ASSEMBLY AND TAKEDOWN**

**JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2018**

**12 NOON** - Meet at St. Mary Parish Parking lot to load booth  
**to** and accessories. Transfer over to the food area.

**5 p.m.** Set up booth, lighting and organize inside the  
booth etc. We will need trucks.

You may split your time from 12 noon until 2:30 p.m. or from 2:30 p.m.  
until 5 p.m. You may also choose to stay for the duration.

**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

**12 NOON** - Take apart booth, clean parts that are soiled,  
**to** neatly fold and place parts together so that all  
**2:30 p.m.** parts are accounted for. We will need trucks.

When you text, phone, e-mail or sign up  
on a sheet at the next meeting, please  
indicate the time you plan on staying to  
help. Thank you so much in advance.

Paul Sidari  
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### **Round Table Coordinators**

The following brothers  
are the Round Table  
Coordinators at the  
four parishes that our  
council serves. Their  
role is to act as a  
liaison with the  
pastors, church  
ministries and  
organizations, and  
brother Knights within  
the respective  
parishes.

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## **THE MORE INVOLVED YOU ARE, THE MORE VALUABLE YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL BE**

I have held many officer positions, including Grand Knight at the Council and Faithful Navigator at the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree level. I was a District Deputy for the Supreme Council and served the State Council as the State Educational Director and the State Program Director. As I leave the Newsletter/Editor position I have held for 29 years, I hope that others understand my involvement gave me the opportunity to see that the more involved you are, the more valuable your membership will be. Take a chance on yourself. Pick a passion. It could be the beginning of 29 years for you. THANK YOU

**Barry Bell, PGK, PFN, FDD**

## **BLUE MASS** by Paul Rigazio, PGK, PFN

The Bishop Delany Assembly is planning a BLUE MASS at the Immaculate Conception Church in Lowell on Saturday, June 9, 2018. Bishop Hennessey will be the main celebrant at this Special Mass to honor our local Police, Fire, EMT and Correctional Officers. Invitations have been sent to the Police and Fire Chiefs in Lowell and the surrounding towns. A small collation will follow the 4 PM Mass at the adjoining Immaculate Conception School.

## **CULTURE OF LIFE MASS** By Paul G. O'Sullivan, SD

**THE DATE HAS CHANGED, THE PLACE HAS CHANGED, BUT THE PURPOSE IS THE SAME**

Cardinal Sean and Bishop Hennessey will celebrate the Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Liturgy for the Archdiocese of Boston in Tewksbury at St William's Church on Sunday, June 17, 2018, at the 11:30 Mass. That Sunday is Father's Day but what a wonderful way to celebrate life; at Mass and then spend the rest of the day with family.

## **Newsletter** by Barry Bell

This Issue of the Knight Reader is the last issue that I will be editing, publishing and distributing to the Council Membership. After 29 years, these duties will be passed on to Bill Pacino who will be taking over these responsibilities.

Articles that are to be included in the **SEPTEMBER** issue of the Knight Reader must be e-mailed to Bill Pacino at [kofcnews@yahoo.com](mailto:kofcnews@yahoo.com) **PRIOR TO AUGUST 25<sup>th</sup>** Please send the articles, I will edit them to fit and then publish the Knight Reader during the first week of the month. Articles received **after the 25<sup>th</sup>** will be saved and published in the **OCTOBER** newsletter. Remember, there are no newsletters for the months of July and August

Currently there are 20 members who do not use e-mail for updates **If you wish to be kept informed, please send me your e-mail address for e-mail updates.** I will still send you a snail mail of the newsletter if you so desire and let me know.

## **BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

**By John Lamplough**

### **STATE RAFFLE ---**

Thank you to everyone who bought State Raffle Tickets. We sold 66 books and raised \$396.00 for the Council. We did not have any winners this year, but there is always next year.

The Planning Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. The Business Meetings and Social Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. with a collation prior to the meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at The Paul Center at 39 Concord Road, Chelmsford.

**CHARITY CORNER** by Ken Desilets**Volunteers Needed in Early June**

There is an opportunity to pay back The Paul Center that allows us the use of their facility to hold our monthly meetings, free of charge. In June, 2 of these 4 dates (Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup>) will be required to paint the outside of the nurse's cabin at The Center. Depending on the weather, the timing would be 9AM to about 1 PM.

Please let me know if you can help and when. Email me for specific details, [kgdesigned@gmail.com](mailto:kgdesigned@gmail.com). Thank you Ken

**Summer Fair @ The Paul Center – August 12**

Again this summer we will run our Summer Fair for the kids at The Center. We need about 25 Knights to run this event. Help is needed in cooking, serving breakfast, and setting up the Fair, running it, taking down the games and giving our prizes to the kids.

Please consider helping, especially if you haven't done this before. Yes, we love having the Knights' wives and teenage kids help. Email me if you are interested and would like to know how you can contribute to make a joyful day for these special kids. [kgdesigned@gmail.com](mailto:kgdesigned@gmail.com). Thank you Ken

**November Charity Night – 2018**

This year's theme will be to highlight individuals in our community that have made a difference through their charitable work. Please pass along any individuals that we should consider for our event.

**GOD'S SPECIAL PEOPLE PROM** By Barry Bell

Thank you sooooo much for all you did on Prom Night. We had a great crew, as usual which as they say, many hands make light work. Although we had some problems in the food lines, you must realize that the night was a great success. Success was not how much food was eaten or how much ice cream was scooped. Success was how many were dancing and the size of the smiles on the faces of God's Special People. The evening was a great success because you cared enough to be there..... Special thanks to member Randy Barth who was the DJ for the evening and to the Bishop Ruocco Council with its financial support to the event.

THANK YOU

## Joining the Knights Online Membership

Did you know that a qualified man can now join the Knights of Columbus through online enrollment? Supreme has now made available the opportunity to join the Knights through enrollment on their web site [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) . The qualifications are still the same: a man who is at least 18 years old who is a practical (practicing) Catholic in union with the Holy See. The registration process is fairly easy and the membership fee of \$30.00 is paid at the time of enrollment via credit card. The candidate can also elect to join a particular council or transfer to a council after becoming an eMember. To become a member of a local council, they would still need to go through the admissions process: meeting with the local council leaders and completing their First degree. They enjoy many of the same benefits as regular members, including insurance and opportunity to work along side with members of the local community. eMembers become members of the state council where they reside. Much more information can be found on the Supreme website including a FAQ (frequently asked questions <https://www.kofc.org/uns/newjoin/en/faq.html> ). If you know of a prospect, please have them check out the Supreme website at [www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org) and they will find a Join Us button on the home page. Also mention our council number 9275.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.  
 Gene Bartos  
 Membership Director  
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## BISHOP RUOCCO 2017-18 CALENDAR of EVENTS

	Event	Chair	Time & Place
<b>J U N E</b>			
4	Planning Meeting	Ubaldo Mendes	7:00 @ Paul Center
11	Business Meeting/Elections	Ubaldo Mendes	7:00 Collation @ Paul Center
25	Social Meeting – Changing of the Guard	Eric Kibblehouse	7:00 Collation @ Paul Center
<b>J U L Y</b>			
2	Planning Meeting	Eric Kibblehouse	7:00 @ Paul Center
3	July 4th Booth setup & operation	Kibblehouse & Sidari	See July 4 Schedule
4	July 4th Parade, booth operation, booth teardown	Kibblehouse & Sidari	See July 4 Schedule
9	Business Meeting	Eric Kibblehouse	7:00 Collation @ Paul Center
<b>A U G U S T</b>			
6	Planning Meeting	Eric Kibblehouse	7:00 @ Paul Center
12	Special Needs Fair	Ken Desilets	See Fair Schedule
27	Business Meeting	Eric Kibblehouse	7:00 Collation @ Paul Center