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The Holliston Office recently had an employee appreciation day for the letter carriers there. Among the citations given out, two carriers received their Million Mile Club driving awards!

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## President's Message

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I will begin this month's President's Message with a thank you and a welcome to two new additions to the Branch 25 Executive Council. The thanks go out to former Beverly Steward and Branch 25 Sergeant at Arms Doug Murray. Doug has served as the shop steward in Beverly for several years and has also served as Sergeant-at-Arms for the branch in recent years. Doug has also lent his culinary talents to help with cooking at multiple branch meetings over the years. Doug recently stepped down from both of his roles. Thanks for all you have done for the members of Branch 25, in the Beverly Office, and at the branch level, Doug!

I would also like to welcome two new people to the Branch 25 Executive Council. Dracut Steward Mike Pinto was appointed as the Assistant Secretary for the branch over the summer, and more recently, Acton Steward Justine Masters was appointed as the new Sergeant at Arms. Welcome aboard, Mike and Justine. I look forward to working with both of them in the future.

As many of you hopefully know by now, Branch 25 is hosting the First Annual Cornhole Tournament **on October 19** at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus Hall, where we hold our regular meetings. Salem Steward Gilbert Paredes has been leading this effort for the branch, and he has done a great job! All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). We hope that this event will become an annual occurrence in the future. We would love to have a great turnout, but if you can't attend in person, please consider purchasing tickets to one of the many raffles we have going on to support the cause.

The branch will undergo its first full route inspection in a while in the coming month. The Lawrence Office, which includes North Andover and Methuen, will also be inspected during the last two weeks of this month. No inspections were conducted during the COVID-19 period, and subsequently, we entered the TIAREAP process, a joint process that utilized scanner data to evaluate and adjust routes. Except for a few routes that were part of special inspections in select offices, comprehensive inspections have not been conducted in the regular manner for several years. At some point in the not-too-distant future, the NALC will enter into another joint evaluation and adjustment process. However, for now, we are back to conducting inspections the "old school" way, as per Chapter 2 of the M-39.

To prepare the carriers in Lawrence for the upcoming inspections, the branch held two nights of route inspection training. I want to thank all the Lawrence carriers who took the time to attend on a Tuesday night, after having already worked a long day, and gave their

own time to participate in the training. Hopefully, the time spent gaining knowledge about what to expect during the inspection process will be beneficial to them.

The last thing I will touch on this month is the topic of supporting our Brothers and Sisters when it comes to writing statements for the grievance procedure. Often, we hear from members who have experienced an issue with management in their office. It may be behavior by a manager that made them feel bullied or harassed, or something that the member deemed to be inappropriate behavior by that manager. Many times, I am asked if we can file a grievance regarding the incident. I inform the member that for any grievance we file, we must prove the violation, regardless of the type of grievance.

Unfortunately, when the interaction with management was a one-on-one situation, the violation can be hard to prove. Management will, unsurprisingly, usually have a different story than the carrier and often straight-up be dishonest about what happened. The fortunate thing for us is that, due to the nature of how most offices are set up, we all work together in the open for the most part, so our interactions with management often take place in front of other employees. In cases where we are seeking to address management's inappropriate behavior, having witnesses who are willing to corroborate this behavior is crucial to the success of our grievance. If we are arguing that something happened and two people are saying different things, a He Said, She Said scenario, it can be challenging to prove.

If, on the other hand, we have not only the grievant but one or two other employees who can corroborate the event, then that becomes much easier for us to show the violation. We have filed grievances where we have had fifteen to twenty statements from other carriers backing up their Brother or Sister. That is great proof for us to show the violation! Although it was once suggested by a POOM that I had somehow coerced that number of carriers into writing up and putting their names to false statements.

No one can be compelled to write a statement on behalf of someone else, and unfortunately, many people who did see or hear something chose not to "get involved".

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## Executive Vice-President's Message

By the time you read this the sun will be setting just after 6:00pm and getting earlier every day. Make sure you are doing a complete vehicle check every day, verifying that all lights are working properly, along with the rest of your vehicle. You don't want to find out that one or both of your lights don't work when you turn them on. You may not think that you will be out in the dark, but if you are working OT, sometimes it is unavoidable. And even if you are not working OT, you may be driving back to the office in the dark after finishing your assignment.

Those that are driving LLVs have equipment that is constantly failing because of the age of the trucks, so be sure to check the wipers. It could rain or snow at any time. Don't limit your vehicle check to lights and wipers, make sure to check the entire vehicle. It is part of your office time and will come into play if your office is inspected. I suggest finding a "buddy" and check each other's vehicles. It is the only way to truly do a thorough check. One thing that should not be ignored is filling out the Vehicle repair Tag if there is any defect to your postal vehicle, Form 4565. If the tires are bald, report it on Form 4565. If management refuses to fix a defective vehicle and gives it back to you, please call the Union office and inform us.

The parties have agreed at the national level to once again increase the annual leave carryover to 520 hours for the 2026 leave year. The national agreement calls for a carryover limit of 440 hours, but since the Covid years, the parties have agreed to increase the amount each year to 520. Please make sure you don't have more than 520 hours at year's end, take a few days of AL if necessary. If you are denied leave and it may leave you more than 520 hours, let your steward know or call the Union office. Management is supposed to ensure nobody loses AL at the end of the year.

I know we are not quite there yet, but Open Season is approaching in a little more than a month. This is the time to start thinking if you might want to change health plans or add vision or dental plans by looking over your current plans. The 2026 brochures are not out yet, but it is not too early to think about it. By early November we should be seeing brochures for the NALC Plan arriving at our homes and comparisons on the OPM websites.

The NALC website should also have the new plan brochure when that is available. The NALC Plan is a good plan, but everyone has their own needs and specifics in their plan for either themselves or family members. It is better to be prepared.

Don't forget to sign up for the cornhole tournament for Muscular Dystrophy being run by Branch Vice President Gil Paredes at the Wilmington K of C on October 19<sup>th</sup>. If you can't make it, donations and raffles are available, and it is a great cause. I hope to see a good crowd at the branch meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Keep your head up!

Paul Desmond



### Calendar of Events

October 2	Yom Kippur
October 13	Columbus Day
October 14	<b>Regular Branch Meeting K of C Wilmington 8:00PM Food served at 7:15 PM</b>
October 19	Branch 25 MDA Cornhole Tournament K of C Wilmington 1-5 PM
October 31	Halloween

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Jeremy Boucher	Assistant Safety Officer

The following notice was previously printed in the April 2025 newsletter and is repeated here as a reminder.

Notice is hereby given to members of Branch 25 that nominations for delegates to the 74th national convention shall be held at the October 14th, 2025, regular branch meeting at 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus in Wilmington. Further, notice is hereby given to members of Branch 25 that election of delegates to the 74th National Convention shall be held at the November 11th, 2025, regular branch meeting at the same location. Expenses for elected delegates shall be voted on at the November meeting.

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All delegates must have attended 60 percent of the regular monthly meetings held between elections to be an expenses-paid delegate to conventions. Any member who has not been a member for the prior two years will have their attendance prorated from the date of their membership. In addition to the provisions of Article 5 of the Branch 25 bylaws, which designates the branch president and the executive vice president as automatic delegates to these functions, Article 5 of the NALC Constitution shall prevail.

Joseph E. Stearns, Secretary, Br 25



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(as it will appear on plaque)

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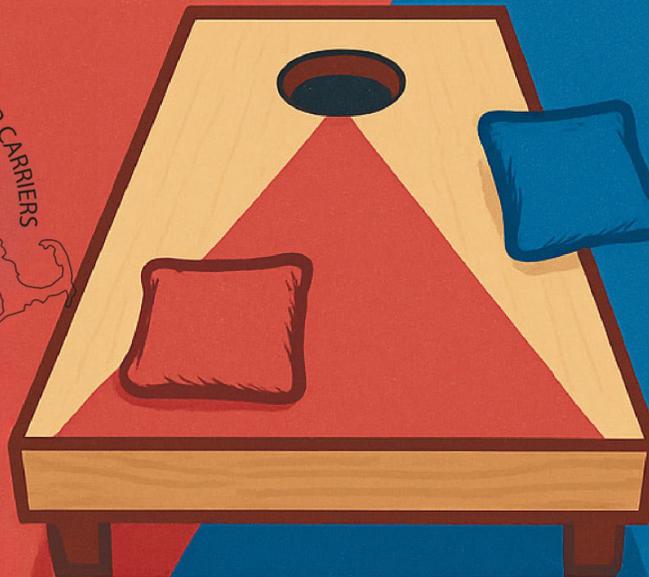
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Retirement date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: Retiree must be a member in good standing at date of retirement. Retiree has 4 months from retirement date to remit this voucher to the branch office. Please mail to: NALC Branch 25  
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## Secretary's Report

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The summer has ended and I hope you were all able to find some time to enjoy yourself. First I want to thank the branch for sending myself and Mike Pinto to the NALC Branch Officer training in Boston. The knowledge and information we received there is invaluable as well as extremely helpful. The NALC puts on a great training event. There is a lot of detailed information given, but it really helps in doing my job.

Speaking of my job, I want to let everyone know that when you move and let the USPS know, or if you are retired and let OPM know of your new address, I am not informed of it. So please, if you have moved or are moving let the branch know as soon as possible. If you are a snowbird let us know of your temporary address and I will change it. If you have a legal name change like when you get married, let us know. If you know of a retired member that has passed away drop us a line. If you know of someone that has transferred in from another branch have them get their information to us. To let us know any of these types of changes my email and other options are in the bottom paragraph below.

This past month I was able to get together with some retirees from my office who had pins due to them. First it was Ralph Vigor, my wife and I paid a visit to him at his house and presented him with his 40-year pin. It was double-sweet for me because his wife Ellen was a clerk in my office as well, so I got to visit with her as well. Next Brad Carey came by and visited me on my route, which was easy since he lives about 2 blocks from it. Brad got his 35-year pin. Lastly Bobby Black stopped by the PO and I gave him his 35-year pin. I have included pictures of all 3 in this issue. I can't wait to give you your next ones.

If you have retired and have not yet filled out an 1189 to stay in the union, you still can. It used to be after a certain time you could not join back in. That has changed now and you still can join. The only requirement is you will have to pay the dues you owe from when you retired. Since retiree dues for Branch 25 are only \$9.76 a year it really isn't much to catch up. Remember staying in the NALC allows you to continue receiving the Postal Record as well as our own Branch 25 Wake Up. It also gives you the ability to be in the NALC Health Benefit Plan.

Remember on Sunday **October 19<sup>th</sup>** we will be holding the Branch 25 Cornhole Tournament to benefit the MDA. Come out support a great cause and have a good time.

We will be holding nominations for the 74<sup>th</sup> NALC Biennial Convention which will be held **August 3-7, 2026**, in Los Angeles. The motion to approve the number of attendees and if need an election will be held at the November Meeting.

Come down, join us, and bring a friend. The information you will gain as well as the food is free. Knowing what is going on and what you need to be aware of is worth 2-3 hours it takes to come to a meeting and that includes driving to and from for most of us.

As I always end this, if you have moved, please update your address with the branch. You can call, write, or email me at [JESBR25@gmail.com](mailto:JESBR25@gmail.com). See you at the branch meeting on **October 14<sup>th</sup>**.

Missed last month so you get 2 this month.

Snapple Fact # 236 – Cows give more milk when they listen to music.

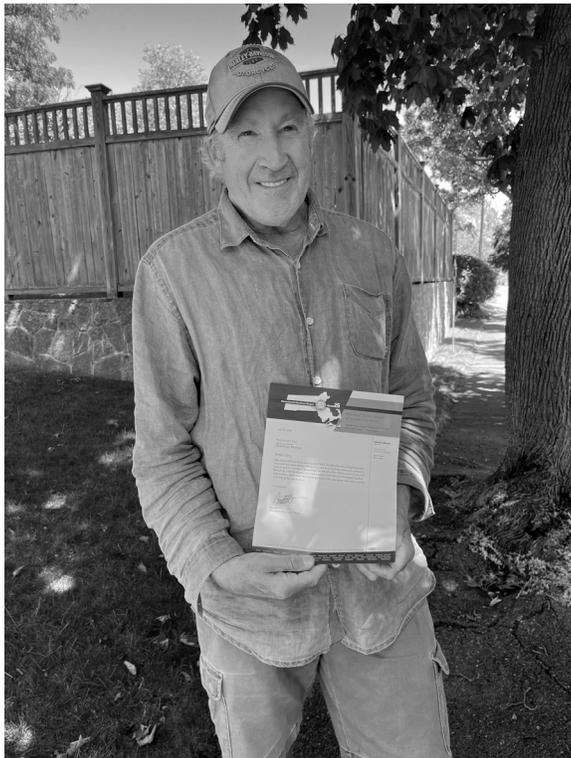
Snapple Fact # 1416 – Mangoes can get sunburned.

Joe Stearns





Three Marblehead carriers recently received NALC membership recognition for their years of as NALC members. Pictured on the previous page is Bobby Black (30 years). Pictured above is Ralph Viger (40 years). Pictured below is Brad Carey (35 years).



We would like to welcome the following new members to Branch 25. Please help us in welcoming them and help them out in your stations.

- John Vigneaux Beverly
- Rolinger Votano Beverly
- Andrew Allan Beverly
- Angel DeCegama Billerica
- Matthew Kulas Billerica
- Jaswant Rai Billerica
- Lauren Krugh Billerica
- Sokpheavy Peou-Strong Billerica
- Abig Delgado Velez Billerica
- Gina Drigotas Burlington
- Jean Pirez Dracut
- Shawn Mahoney Dracut
- Joshua Perez Georgetown
- Evan Koltersahn Gloucester
- Phillip Martin Haverhill
- Sobhy Salibawadsalib Haverhill
- Amanda Bomfim Holliston
- Preston Yang Lowell
- Jeremy Perotti Manchester
- Nicholas Lentz N. Chelmsford
- Marc Menard Peabody
- Samuel Rivera Peabody
- Joseph Sattler Peabody
- Sean Ryan Peabody
- Milton Pacheco Peabody
- Brentan Wilson Peabody
- Alexander Ormiston South Hamilton
- John Mackesy Wayland
- Ethan Farthing Wayland
- Thananporn Thamsuriya Wayland

For decades, a hidden but serious unfairness has existed in how federal retirees are treated when it comes to protecting their pensions against inflation. This unfairness falls hardest on employees who retired under the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS), compared to those who retired under the older Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS). Both groups gave their careers to serving the American people. Both groups earned their retirement. But the way Congress set the rules has created a clear “winner” and a clear “loser” — and unless this inequity is corrected, FERS retirees will continue to lose thousands of dollars they rightfully earned.

## 1. How the COLA Works — and Why FERS Loses Out

Retirees under both systems are supposed to receive a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) each year to keep up with inflation. But here is the difference:

- CSRS retirees get the full COLA, exactly matching inflation.
- FERS retirees get less than the full COLA when inflation is above 2%.
  - \* If inflation is between 2–3%, they lose 0.5%.
  - \* If inflation is 3% or higher, they lose a full 1%.

On paper, that might sound small. But in reality, it's devastating. Over 20 years of retirement, that 0.5–1% annual cut adds up to tens of thousands of dollars lost.

## 2. CSRS Never Paid Social Security, FERS Always Did

The unfairness goes deeper than just COLAs.

- CSRS employees never paid Social Security taxes during their federal careers. Their retirement check came entirely from their CSRS pension, which is larger and fully protected against inflation.
- FERS employees, by contrast, have always paid the full Social Security tax every payday, in addition to contributing to their smaller FERS pension and their Thrift Savings Plan (TSP).

So while FERS retirees were promised a “three-part” retirement — pension, Social Security, and savings — the truth is their pension is smaller, their COLAs are weaker, and their Social Security doesn't fully make up the difference. In the end, FERS workers paid more during their working years but are now receiving less protection in retirement.

## 3. The Real-World Impact

Let's look at the impact on an average retiree:

- A CSRS retiree might retire with a pension worth 60–80% of their salary, with full COLAs for life.
- A FERS retiree might retire with a pension worth 30–40% of their salary. They also get Social Security, but that income grows more slowly — and their pension COLAs are reduced every single year.

Over a 20-year retirement, the difference can be enormous. CSRS retirees keep pace with inflation, while FERS retirees slowly fall behind, year after year. This gap can mean the loss of \$25,000–\$40,000 or more in lifetime income — money that FERS employees earned but will never see.

## 4. A Vanishing Comparison

Today, there are only about 20,000 CSRS retirees left nationwide. Their numbers shrink every year. When they are gone, the comparison between CSRS and FERS will disappear — and so will the clearest evidence of how unfair the system is. That means if Congress doesn't act soon, the FERS COLA penalty will quietly continue forever, while history forgets that one generation of retirees was treated far better than the next.

## 5. Congress Has Fixed Similar Unfairness Before

Recently, Congress moved to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO). Lawmakers did this because they recognized that it was unfair to penalize people after they had already worked and retired.

The same principle applies here. FERS retirees cannot go back and change the retirement system they were placed into. They cannot undo decades of paying Social Security taxes. What they can do — and what Congress can correct — is demand fairness: full COLAs for all retirees, not reduced COLAs for some.

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## The FERS COLA Penalty: An Unfair Burden on FER'S Retirees

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### The Bottom Line

FERS retirees are living with a penalty that compounds every year. They:

- Paid more during their working careers (through Social Security taxes).
- Receive smaller pensions with weaker COLAs.
- Lose tens of thousands of dollars in lifetime income compared to CSRS retirees.

This is not about special treatment — it's about fairness. It's about keeping the promise made to federal workers that their retirement would be secure and protected against inflation. Just as Congress fixed WEP and GPO, it must fix the FERS COLA penalty. Every year of delay means more retirees lose more income they cannot replace.

### Now is the time to act.

Attention Federal Employees and Retirees: The time to act is now! Support the Fair COLA Act. Just as FERS employees successfully fought to repeal the WEP and GPO, we must make our voices heard at every RAP session, COP meeting, and union gathering.

These events are more than updates and networking, they are your platform to demand fairness for yourself and your colleagues. Don't stay silent while others decide your future. Call, email, and speak directly to your local president, NBA representative, and national retiree officer. Insist they press the National President to act in our favor.

This is your money. Your retirement. Your right. Stand up, speak out, and make sure it's defended. Now is the moment—be heard!

### Address your Union Leaders, here is the Talking Point:

#### The FERS COLA Penalty

FERS retirees are permanently penalized by a reduced Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA), losing 0.5–1% every year compared to CSRS retirees. Over 20 years, this compounds into tens of thousands of dollars in lost income. The unfairness is even greater because CSRS employees never paid Social Security taxes, while FERS employees have always paid full Social Security and yet receive smaller pensions with weaker inflation protection.

With only about 20,000 CSRS retirees left, this inequity will soon be forgotten — but FERS retirees will keep paying the price. Just as Congress corrected WEP and GPO, it must fix the FERS COLA penalty and give federal retirees the full inflation protection they earned.

Ed Velosa, Retiree, Danvers

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## Training

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Lowell Steward Wes Tugman recently furthered his ability to help Branch 25 members by completing Formal A and Beyond Training at the Maritime Center in Baltimore Maryland. Great job, Wes!



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## Treasurer's Report

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On **September 21**, I was able to attend my first Massachusetts State Letter Carrier's Association (MSLCA) executive council meeting. My initial thoughts and impressions are very positive overall. Those of you who attended the State Convention back in May will remember a few contentious issues (dues increases, elections, etc). This was our first opportunity as a council to meet following the convention and further share our thoughts post-convention.

What I can report back to the membership now are all beneficial things. First, the dues increase and the financial wellbeing of the MSLCA. During the convention, a motion was made, amended, and then passed to alter the structure in which dues are paid to the MSLCA. At the time, Massachusetts was the second lowest dues structure in the country, and the operational balance almost didn't exist. The new structure, which unfortunately has yet to be implemented, gives a percentage base of wages to collect for dues, which will only increase and better the overall health of the State Association. However, it is important to note that when all is said and done, money into savings for the MSLCA will still be somewhat bleak. I won't further share large financial reports and bore people, but understand, the MSLCA is looking to save around \$1,500 annually, which it will use to fund certificates of deposit. This is still substantially lower than what we would like to see, and potentially a structure that will need increases in the future.

We briefly spoke more on legislation that has been drafted and is in different stages of (potentially) becoming law. HR 1065 is a bipartisan supported bill titled "Protect Our Letter Carriers Act", which aims to create electronic arrow key systems, expedite prosecution of crimes against letter carriers, and bring harsher sentencing down on those who commit these crimes. HR 3170, titled The Improving Access to Workers' Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act, which has yet to see the senate, is a bill that would allow federal employees to receive treatment from nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Currently under FECA, only a doctor may treat and sign the necessary forms to receive compensation from the Department of Labor. Much of our workforce is relatively new and unaware of the steps to take if they're injured on the job. This includes postal management. We already struggle

with getting a CA-16 handed to an injured carrier within four hours of the injury. Having to appeal or refile a claim because a PA signed your medical documentation is unnecessary stress. Lastly, HR 1522, the Federal Retirement Fairness Act, would allow letter carriers to buy back non-career time towards their retirement. Recently, many installations in the branch have a straight -to-career model for hiring. However, many carriers will have service time as CCAs or TEs which would not count towards your retirement. This bill aims to make that time purchasable and creditable towards your retirement.

Lastly, the MSLCA also agreed to endorse a rent stabilization initiative which was organized by Homes for All Massachusetts. The initiative is gaining traction and is attempting to gain signatures so it may become a ballot question during our next election. If this initiative were to be on the ballot, it would give voters the opportunity to cap annual rent increases to CPI (inflation), of no more than 5%. While this does not directly affect letter carriers in their work, it's important to understand the increasing costs of living and lower wages newer letter carriers face. Currently, Massachusetts sits at the second highest cost of living state, directly behind Hawaii. However, regional cost of living in Massachusetts is a rollercoaster. A carrier in Boston would need to net take home around \$3,700/mo. to get by, where a carrier in Leominster may be able to get by on \$2,300. A carrier at the same step in each city makes the same wage but would pay nearly 40% more per month to get by. This is exacerbated by increased housing costs in Boston, where housing is already problematic. This initiative would aim to control it. The MSLCA passed a motion to create a committee to oversee this for the council, which myself and three others will be a part of. More to come in the future.

Hopefully everyone has their calendars marked for our first annual MDA fundraiser. Again, continued support and praise for our Vice President Gilbert Paredes who has done incredible leg work in securing donations, creating raffle tickets, and coordinating the event. We hope to see everyone there.

Sincerely, and still no Epstein Files,

James Metilinos

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## Branch 25 Cornhole Tournament for MDA

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We are a few weeks away from our fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). The event will take place on **Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Knights of Columbus in Wilmington. The day will kick off with a cornhole tournament, where the top 3 teams will walk away with cash prizes. We will have a raffle for a free round of golf for four, a general raffle and a 50/50 raffle. The general raffle will be for a variety of prizes including gift cards, experiences and gift baskets.

To register for the event as a player or spectator, just scan the QR code on the event flyer then follow the steps enclosed. If you cannot register online, please contact the branch to register.

It is important to mention that registration will be open until **Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**. Completing registration and paying the player or spectator fee by the deadline will allow us to set up the brackets for the players before the event, which will help us have a smooth start to the event. Food and refreshments will be provided at the event. There will be a cash bar as well.

The general raffle will be run as a **Penny Social** in which you buy tickets, and you decide which prizes you want to place your tickets in. For those not attending the event, you can let us know which prizes you would like us to use your tickets on, or we will distribute them randomly among the prizes at the event.

The prices for the general raffle tickets are as follows: **1 ticket for \$5 – 3 tickets for \$10 – 10 tickets for \$20.** The golf raffle tickets are \$25. The winner will get a free round of golf for four people plus lunch at the private Kernwood Country Club in Salem, Massachusetts. There will be a limited number of tickets for this raffle.

All funds from the fundraiser will go towards MDA and more specifically the funds raised will directly support families in Massachusetts living with neuromuscular diseases. This will provide help with care, research funding, and camp opportunities for children.

The NALC has been raising funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association for more than 50 years. Just last year, branches from across the country were able to raise over \$1 Million dollars for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

We want as many people as possible to come. Whether you are playing in the cornhole tournament, trying your luck in the raffles, or simply want to support this great cause. This is just the beginning. Our goal is to make this MDA fundraiser an annual occurrence in our Branch.

Don't miss a chance to toss, cheer, and win; all while making a difference. See you on **October 19!**

Gilbert Paredes

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## President's Report Continued

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I want to thank everyone who has stepped up to write a statement on behalf of another carrier in the past. I encourage anyone who may be asked to step up and help their fellow Brother or Sister if they can. I would hope that someone would do that for me if I were in that position. Remember, together we are what we can't be alone! I hope to see you **on October 19th** for the cornhole tournament!

In Solidarity,

Dan Wheeler

# **WAKE UP**

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Branch 25 recently held route inspection training for the Lawrence carriers for their upcoming route inspections.