

NEEDHAM KNIGHTS NEWS

Newsletter for the Needham Knights of Columbus
Fr. Daniel J. Kennedy Council 1611 - August 2021



Dear Brothers,

Finally, the rain has stopped and we have some great summer weather ahead. I hope you are finding some time to enjoy it. The leadership committee was able to meet at the hall last week in person and it was fantastic to be together again. Thank you for all your time and energy. The first half of the fraternal year promises to be very busy and fruitful. We will be hosting Music Bingo with PGK Mike Riley on Sept 24th paired with installation of officers beforehand. Save the date. Promises to be great.

Many brothers were able to join in on the classic summer rivalry Red Sox vs Yankees showdown at the hall. It was a wonderful opportunity to come down to the hall and meet some of our new members. Watch for future dates in August.

As I had mentioned in the past we are entering this year with many new members which is very exciting for the council. PGK Bob Timmerman with his magic has potentially more new members on deck. Let's make sure to welcome them in Sept.

I pray that you all have a safe and enjoyable rest of the summer and looking forward to a full hall in September.

Vivat Jesus

Chris Kent
Grand Knight

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Our next council meeting will be Wednesday, September 1st at 6:30 PM. We are planning to start off with dinner. This will be a great opportunity to meet many of our new members, so please come if you can. The Dinner will be followed by the Rosary and the council meeting with begin at 7:30. Brother Jim Malzone will be cooking pasta and meatballs. For those new to Jim's cooking, this promises to be award winning. Don't miss it!

THREE NEW CANDIDATES

We are excited to be presenting three new candidates for consideration at September's council meeting: Phillip Bonasia Jr., Dr. Bill Parks, and Chris Letizia . PGK Bob Timmerman is certainly fast out of the blocks in his new role as Membership Director. If you know of men you feel would be strong additions to our council please contact Bob at rtimmerman1021@yahoo.com and he will reach out to them to talk.

STAR COUNCIL AWARD

It is official, Father Daniel J. Kennedy Council 1611 has again achieved the highest council ranking possible. Based on our efforts last year we have earned Star Council designation. This is a truly remarkable achievement given the restrictions placed on us due to COVID. Please join me in congratulating last year's council officers for their leadership and guidance during an enormously disruptive time. Of course this would be impossible without the support and effort by every member of our council to continue to bring help to those in need in our community. Congratulations one and all.

NEW OFFICER INSTALLATION CEREMONY

The new officer installation will be held Friday, Sept 24th at a time still to be determined. Many thanks to District Deputy Jim McLaughin for his efforts in coordinating this ceremony. Wives and family members are welcomed to attend. Details to follow at our September council meeting.

NEW COUNCIL WEBSITE

We are putting finishing touches on a new council website. It will go live before the end of August, and Brother Ken Gustin will give us a first look at it at our September Council Meeting. He felt our existing site was beginning to feel a bit dated and so he has updated the look and navigation techniques and added some new features. The site has served us well in attracting new members as well as being a helpful internal communications vehicle. We're excited to see the changes and new look.

K OF C MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

We will be purchasing a number of K of C t-shirts and hats of various sizes to have on hand at our September council meeting. They will be available for purchase by all in attendance. If we run out, we will be taking orders for more which can be picked up at our October meeting. Wearing K of C merchandise around town is a great way to increase our visibility, show pride in our council and faith, and ultimately attract new members.

LOOKING AHEAD

We are actively planning a number of events for the first half of the year, including kicking off the month of September with Music Bingo to benefit our scholarship fund, details to follow. Other events will include Trivia Nights, A Blood Drive, Holiday Food Drives, our Tootsie Roll Drive, Membership Drive, Holy Hour and monthly movie nights. Of course, COVID is still a wild card, and I ask that you pray that conditions improve so that our activities and events can be held face to face this year.

OFFICERS FOR THE 2021-2022 FRATERNAL YEAR

GRAND KNIGHT	William C. "Chris" Kent
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	Robert T. Timmerman III
WARDEN	Gregory M. Tilley
TREASURER	Ronald E. Hadley
RECORDER	Ryan E. Sullivan
ADVOCATE	Michael K. Gillis
CHANCELLOR	James F. Clark
INSIDE GUARD	Paul C. Whyte
OUTSIDE GUARD	James F. Malzone
MEMBERSHIP DIR.	Robert Timmerman
COMMUNICATIONS DIR.	Ken Gustin
TRUSTEE 1ST YEAR "3 Year"	Timothy M. Harrigan
TRUSTEE 2ND YEAR "2 Year"	Paul J. Deeley
TRUSTEE 3RD YEAR "1 Year"	Daniel O. Brennan