

NEEDHAM KNIGHTS NEWS

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



My Brothers,

ALLELUIA, HE IS RISEN!!! Happy Easter to you all. I trust that you had a wonderful Easter with your families. Spring has arrived and the Red Sox are back in action. Surely these are great signs. We have many things happening in the next few weeks in the life of our council. Please see all the information below. We are slowly starting to open back up and will do so cautiously, in everyone's best interest. My goal is that we will be able to have some sort of family cookout in late June, provided the COVID climate keeps improving and more folks get vaccinated.

I thank you all for all that you continue to do to make our council great!

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Bob Timmerman, Grand Knight

PRAYERS

Prayers are requested for Brother Jack Gurkin who is in a nursing facility in Framingham and Herek Zwierello.

APRIL BUSINESS MEETING

On this coming, Wednesday, April 7th at 7:30pm, we will have our monthly business meeting. I am excited that we are going to meet both in person at our hall and via Zoom. Due to the COVID restrictions, we can only accommodate up to 15 members for the in person meeting at the hall. If you are comfortable meeting in person, you must let me know by Tuesday 4/6. We will NOT be serving food or refreshments. For those who are not comfortable meeting in person (and that is very much okay), the meeting will be held virtually, via ZOOM. Please use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82267052766?pwd=cjlURGFDUFU2OFB2R04rVGV2andIZz09>

Meeting ID: 822 6705 2766

Passcode: 627646

A separate reminder will be sent also.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Please join me in welcoming several new members to our council. Over the past several weeks we have added the following men to our council: Chris Tomosivitch, Martin Healy, Matt Hogan, Paul Daigle, and Dr. Brian Park. These five men all bring unique combinations of gifts and abilities to our council and I encourage you all to introduce yourselves to them and enjoy getting to know them as they get to know us and begin to get involved! We have several more candidates who have expressed interest and will continue to add to our numbers from now through the end of June.

STATE CONVENTION RAFFLE TICKETS

The Annual Massachusetts State Knights of Columbus Convention will be held virtually on Saturday, April 24th. Part of the convention festivities will be the drawing of the Annual Raffle with a Grand Prize of \$10,000. Proceeds from the raffle go to offset our per capita dues that we pay to the State Council. Our council must sell a minimum of 25 books. Books of tickets are \$15.00 and the council can retain \$5.00 per book. We will be selling the raffle tickets at the meeting on Wednesday April 7th and again on Monday, April 12 and Wednesday, April 14 in the parking lot in a COVID compliant manner. This is an easy fundraiser for the council and maybe one of us will be a lucky winner.

EASTER FAMILY HOLY HOUR

All council families and friends are encouraged to join Father Joseph Kim who has agreed to lead us in another Holy Hour on Thursday, April 29th at 7:30 PM. This will be a Hybrid Holy Hour, so if you prefer to attend in person in St. Joseph's lower church you may. You can also join the Holy Hour via ZOOM. The link is below. Details for the Holy Hour can be found on our website, <http://www.needhamkofc.org>.

Our Lenten Holy Hour was well attended via ZOOM. We are hopeful to have an even larger group on the 29th for our Easter Holy Hour with a combined face to face and virtual audience. Here is the Zoom link to attend.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87560528435?pwd=OE11UUUVxckZjZ0JvdFIXR3NQOCtpZz09>

FREE MUSIC BINGO NIGHT! A THANK YOU!

Please join us on Friday evening, April 23rd at 8pm for a free evening of family fun with Music Bingo. During the last challenging year, so many of you and your families and friends have stepped up to support our council in so many ways as we have tried to maintain supporting our many charitable causes. Friday April 23rd is free to all who have supported us in the last year. Please invite family, friends and neighbors to join our host for the evening PGK Mike "Sarge" Riley, Boston Sports radio personality and on field PA announcer at Gillette Stadium for an always entertaining night of music bingo. A separate email will go out with a sign up link for the event.

MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

Membership Director Ken Gustin needs your help in promoting membership so that we can attain our annual goal of new members. Please consider asking a friend, neighbor, relative or someone you may only see at church who you think would make a good member. All you need to do is give Ken a name and contact information and he'll take it from there. We will be running notices in the church bulletins seeking new members. Anyone who turns in a signed application for a new member in the month of April will be entered into a drawing to win a Knights of Columbus polo shirt customized with the council logo.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Thank you to the scholarship committee and Ken Gustin for getting the word out about our college scholarships. We will be awarding 4 scholarships this year, 2 to current college freshman who will be entering their sophomore year and 2 to graduating high school seniors who have been accepted to college. More information can be found on our website (www.needhamkofc.org) or by contacting one of the members of the scholarship committee. Serving on the scholarship committee this year are Bill Dermody, Jim Clark, Ron Gillis and Paul Bacigalupo.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE 2021-2022 FRATERNAL YEAR

Thank you to Ted Harrigan, chair, and PGK's Paul Deeley and Mike Fraini for agreeing to serve as the nominating committee. Please reach out to Ted, Paul or Mike if you are interested in serving as an officer or if you would like to make a nomination.

OFFICERS FOR THE 2020 – 2021 Fraternal Year

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