

NEEDHAM KNIGHTS NEWS

Newsletter for the Needham Knights of Columbus
Fr. Daniel J. Kennedy Council 1611 - Oct. 2020



My Brothers,

Happy Fall!! I trust that you and your families are all well. October is normally a busy month in the life of our council. Even with the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic, the coming months will be busy for our council. We have many things to accomplish, and we continue our good works. Some of fundraising efforts will be taking a virtual spin and we will be setting up the mechanisms to make it easier for all to contribute. I personally will miss the personal interaction with our fellow parishioners and townspeople during our tootsie roll drive. The tootsie roll drive not only has raised a great deal of money over the years but it has also made the Knights and our missions very visible in the community. With our visibility in the community, October was always a good month to recruit new members. I encourage you to ask a relative, friend or neighbor to consider joining our Order. If you want, you can forward the name and contact information of a prospective member to myself or Membership Director Ken Gustin and we will follow up with the prospect.

Please keep us informed if you or anyone you know is in need of our prayers or assistance during these trying times.

VIVAT JESUS!!

Fraternally,

Bob Timmerman, Grand Knight

PRAYERS

Prayers are requested for Ann Cosgrove, wife of brother Ed Cosgrove, Terri Payer, wife of brother Bob Payer and brothers Jim Tierney and Herek Zwirello

OCTOBER BUSINESS MEETING

On this coming, Wednesday, October 7th, at 7:30pm, we will have our monthly business meeting. The meeting will be held both in person in our parking lot, weather permitting and virtually, via zoom. **We will not be serving dinner this month.**

*** IF THE WEATHER IS INCLEMENT, WE WILL HAVE OUR MEETING ONLINE ONLY, VIA ZOOM. YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH THE ZOOM INVITATION.

OCTOBER MESSAGE FROM FR. JOHN MCLAUGHLIN

Brother Knights: Here are some October thoughts, for our month of the Holy Rosary. When I was a newly ordained priest, a good hard-working laboring man told me to keep reminding people all my life: "Remember, it's them Hail Marys that count!" All my priesthood I have kept reminding people of his ungrammatical wisdom, as I do today with you, Brother. October 1st – on her feast, Thérèse of Lisieux ("The Little Flower") gives us this reminder: "I will be love in the heart of my Holy Mother Church." October 4th – The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. My father, a K of C man from the 1920s, was professed as a Secular Franciscan on October 4, 1949. Dad went to Mass every day at St. Joseph's, Needham. October 7th – Our Lady of the Rosary is called Our Lady of Pompeii after the basilica built by the layman Blessed Bertolo Longo at Pompeii, Italy. We used to have a church in Boston of Italian immigrants called Madonna di Pompeii. October 15th – St. Teresa of Avila gave us this advice: "Settle yourself in solitude, and you will find the Lord." Also, on October 15th, the young man St. Gerard, patron of mothers, said to his own mother, "Don't worry, Mamma, I'm going to make myself a saint!" (In Italian, Mamma vado farmi santo!) Again, on October 15, St. Margaret Mary was told by Jesus that He would bless every home where there was an image of His Sacred Heart. When I was a high school chaplain, I would tell my winning athletes to put a Sacred Heart badge in their socks, and they did. Well, these are some October thoughts for all of us as Brother Knights in this month wherein our founder is declared Blessed in New Haven, Connecticut: Blessed Michael McGivney.

In Christ sincerely,

Father John McLaughlin

SERVE SAFE TRAINING FOR ALL CHEFS AND HELPERS

One of the standards that will be required as we go forward and look to being able to meet and dine in our hall will be that those involved the preparation, cooking and serving of meals will be required to take the online Serve Safe food handling course. Not everyone needs to take this class, those who normally take a lead role in the kitchen really need to. The more of us who take the class, the better. The course take about 2 hours online and can be found at www.servesafe.com It is important that we all follow the guidelines outlined in this course, for

the safety of those we serve. This is a great way and an easy one for you to give back to the council. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Timmerman

LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND

I am pleased to announce to you that as of today, September 30th, that we have raised in excess of \$10,000.00 for this initiative. We have made donations to both the Needham Community Council Food Pantry and the Greater Boston Food Bank. It is humbling to have received donations from our brother Knights and families and the greater community of Needham. At this time, we are going to curtail fundraising for this initiative so that we can raise funds for other programs we are committed to, including the Scholarship Fund and the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

Every fall we participate in the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit children with intellectual and physical disabilities. All of the money collected is turned in to the Massachusetts State Knights of Columbus Charity Fund. We as a council can make application to the State Charity Fund to assist an individual in our community. We can help anyone, regardless of their religious background. This year, like most things, our Tootsie Roll Drive is going to be different. We will NOT be able to hand out Tootsie Rolls to folks at church or the supermarkets. Instead, we will be asking you, your family and friends to make a donation by either mailing in a check to the council or by donating via VENMO. Our Treasurer and Chancellor are collaborating in getting a VENMO account set up within the next week or so. A separate email will go out as soon as we have more information to share. If you have any questions, please reach out to Bob Timmerman.

MUSIC BINGO FUNDRAISER FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

I hope you will join us on Friday, October 30th at 7:30 for Music Bingo via Zoom, hosted by PGK Mike "Sarge" Riley. All proceeds will go to benefit our Scholarship Fund. With this being held on the eve of Halloween, Mike promises some Spooktacular music and fun for the whole family. Please share this with family and friends, near and far. In previous Zoom events that Mike has hosted, there have been people attending from as far away as California. Our goal is to raise \$2,000.00 to fund 2 scholarships to high school graduates, entering their freshman year of college. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, we did not award any scholarships this past spring, so we will also be awarding 2 scholarships to college freshmen, entering their sophomore year, with the money raised last year.

Watch your emails for more information.

BLOOD DRIVE, SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1st

On Sunday, November 1st we will host a Blood Drive in collaboration with the American Red Cross, at our hall from 9am until 2pm. We are working with the Red Cross to be make sure we are compliant with COVID 19 regulations. Volunteers will be needed from about 7:30 am until approximately 3:00pm to assist with set up, break down and any other tasks the Red Cross staff needs us for. If you can volunteer for a couple of hours, please contact brother James Lawrence-Archer at jameslarcher1@gmail.com. More information will follow.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOUNDER FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY MOVES CLOSER TO SAINTHOOD

Father McGivney's beatification Mass will take place on Oct. 31, 2020, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut. At that liturgical celebration, an apostolic letter from the Holy Father will be read along with the bestowing of the title "Blessed" on Father McGivney. This is the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint. COVID-19 restrictions will be in place on the date of the beatification, and preparations to broadcast the Mass to a worldwide audience are being made so that the public might join the celebration.

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Our Council's Men's Discussion and Prayer Group meets every first Saturday of each month at 7:00 AM. The meetings are now all held via Zoom. Each month we gather and read the readings, Psalms and Gospel for the up-coming Sunday's Mass. We then discuss what God is teaching us and the relevance of these messages in our world today. The discussions range from profound, to insightful, and even humorous. This is a wonderful way to grow in your faith. If you are interested in joining us please email Ted Harrigan at timothymharrigan@verizon.net , and he will send you a reminder for the upcoming meeting as well as the Zoom link to participate.

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