

NEEDHAM KNIGHTS NEWS

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



My Brother Knights,

This past Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, we began Lent. I hope that you all will embark on a meaningful Lenten Journey. As part of your journey, I invite you to think outside of box and try doing something out of your comfort zone. There are many opportunities here in the council, at church and in the community to try something new. Whether it's attending our dinner meeting, the Men's Discussion group, Friday Eucharistic Adoration and Stations of the Cross, the monthly Briarwood gathering or attending daily Mass, you will be welcome and glad that you joined in. I am thankful to all of you for your continued good works on behalf of the council and I look forward to seeing all of soon.

Vivat Jesus,

Bob Timmerman, GK

PRAYERS

Please pray from Barbara Harkins, wife of brother Tom Harkins, as she recuperates from recent surgery.

NEXT COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

Our next Council Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, MARCH 4th. PLEASE NOTE THE NEW STARTING TIMES. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. The Rosary will start at 7:00 PM and the Business Meeting will start promptly at 7:30 PM. Our chef for the evening will be DGK Chris Kent. If you can help with dinner in any way, please contact DGK Chris Kent at 617-530-0004 or wck02494@gmail.com. Our guest speaker will be Mr. James "Jay" MacDonald, the principal on the Monsignor James Haddad Middle School. Jay will bring us up to date on all the great things going on in the school.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH

Our Charity of the Month for March will be CRUDEM, a foundation that sponsors Sacre Coeur in Milot, Haiti. This 125 bed hospital is a beacon of hope to the people of rural northern Haiti and provides both medical care and economic stability. We hope to be able to support CRUDEM with financial support as

well as the following much needed items: High Protein Bars, Vitamin C lollipops, tooth brushes and tooth paste. Items can be left at the hall in the designated box marked "CRUDEM" during the month.

COOKS NEEDED

Do you have a favorite meal that you would like to share with your brothers? It need not be fancy. If you would like to offer up your culinary talents for one of our upcoming meetings, please contact Deputy Grand Knight Chris Kent at 617-530-0004 or wck02494@gmail.com. We need cooks for March, April, May and June. We will provide you with any help you need. The council reimburses you for any expenses.

PUPPIES AND PASTA FAMILY DINNER NIGHT

Thank you to Ken Gustin, chairman of the event, for organizing a well-attended fundraiser for Shultz's Guest House, a dog rescue in Dedham. Our crowd numbered in the high eighties, and families took advantage of the opportunity to get to know each other better. In addition, we raised a significant amount of money for Shultz's, who brought a dozen puppies and a number of volunteers who helped oversee the puppies as they played with our guests. We have a new candidate for membership in the council as a result of the event.

ANNUAL SAINT PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE

Plans are well underway for our annual celebration of all things Irish on Saturday, March 14th. The evening features a home cooked traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner, live band, Irish step dancers from the O'Dwyer School of Irish Dance as well as raffles and a cash bar (beer and wine only). Chairs for the event are Paul Whyte, Martin Kerrigan and Ted Harrigan. Help is always needed and welcome. Tickets for the evening are \$25.00 per person. Proceeds from the evening go to benefit St. Joseph Elementary and Monsignor Haddad Middle Schools.

MUSIC BINGO BEACH PARTY

Join us on Friday, April 24th beginning at 6:30 for our Music Bingo Beach Party to benefit our scholarship fund. Your host for the night will be PGK Mike 'Sarge' Riley. Music Bingo is a fun twist on Bingo, where the DJ plays a song and you match it to a song on your Bingo card. There are many opportunities to win. Please dress in your favorite summer attire. The entrance fee of \$25.00 includes a dinner buffet. Cash bar (beer and wine) will be available. Please contact GK Bob Timmerman if you can help or if you have any questions.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Thank you to Bill Dermody, who has agreed to chair this year's scholarship committee. We will award 2 \$1,000 scholarships again this year. Thank you also to the following who agreed to serve on the committee: Paul Deeley, Jim Clark, Ron Gillis and Paul Bacigalupo. More information on the scholarship process will be sent out in a separate email.

TUESDAY KNIGHT AT THE MOVIES

We are looking at a monthly movie night program designed to help drive evangelization, involvement with our parishes, and new membership. We will be looking to membership feedback at this month's council meeting to shape the idea, and hopefully bring it to fruition starting in April.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Carol Fraini has taken over the coordinating of rides for the elderly who attend the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass at St. Joseph's. She is in need of Volunteer drivers and sub-volunteer drivers. Description of volunteer driver: space in their car to drive up to 3 passengers, call parishioners on scheduled route on Friday or by noon on Saturday to confirm what time driver will pick them up. Pick up parishioners on Saturday at prearranged time at their home and if needed, help them in and out the car and help with the seat belt. The riders may need to fold and store a walker. You would then meet after Mass and drive parishioners home. The total time commitment is 2 hours per drive. Driver can choose their monthly volunteer frequency via Sign Up Genius. Description of sub-volunteer driver: all of the above, except a regular volunteer driver may call a sub-volunteer last minute if no other regular volunteer can cover the route. If you can help Carol with this, please contact her at threekids@rcn.com.

MEMBERSHIP

One way to increase our presence at church and in the community is to recruit new members. I am grateful to Brother Ken Gustin, who has eagerly accepted the position of Membership Director. While Ken will be our point man, it is the responsibility of ALL member to recruit worthy Catholic men to join our Order. Our membership quota for the fraternal year is 13.

KNIGHTS GEAR

One of the ways that we as Knights can become more visible in the community is to avail yourself to a hat, jacket, shirt, window decal or one of the many other offerings from the official online store of the Knights of Columbus. Consider visiting www.knightsgear.com. They have great quality items that can

just have the emblem of the order on them or many can be personalized with our council name and number also.

BRIARWOOD REPORT

Thank you to Marty Cunniffe and all those who continually go to brighten up the day for the residents of Briarwood. The next trip to Briarwood is on Saturday, March 21st at 2pm.

CATHOLIC MEN'S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP

All Catholic Men (not just members of our Council) are invited to meet on the first Saturday of the month at 6:30 AM for fellowship, song, scripture, reflection and robust discussion. For more information contact Ted Harrigan at timothymharrigan@verizon.net .

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