

NEEDHAM KNIGHTS NEWS

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



My Brothers,

I hope that this communication finds you all well. We had small planning meeting last evening to discuss how our council will move forward this fraternal year with the current restrictions and guidelines we must follow in light of the COVID-19 epidemic. While we are at a loss right now as far as being able to plan any fundraising activities, we have come up with a few ideas. Things are slowly starting to open up and we can cautiously return to some level of activity, including attending Mass. I urge you all to please act cautiously, take care of yourselves and your families and follow the prescribed guidelines that we all have been given. If we all do as we should, we will get back to some sense of normalcy sooner than later.

VIVAT JESUS!!

Fraternally,

Bob Timmerman, Grand Knight

PRAYERS

Prayers are requested for;

Fr. John McLaughlin, as he undergoes tests and treatments for a recurring cancer diagnosis
Herek Zwirello, who is home recovering after a recent surgery
The repose of the soul of brother James D. "Jimmy" Riley who passed away on June 25th.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At our monthly business meeting, held in June via Zoom the annual election of officers was held. I want to thank Ted Harrigan for chairing the nominating committee. Ted was assisted by Marty Cunniffe, Ken Gustin and Ryan Sullivan.

I am pleased to share with you the following results:

- Grand Knight: Bob Timmerman
- Deputy Grand Knight: Chris Kent
- Chancellor: Rob Timmerman

- Recorder: Bob Parks,
- Treasurer: Ron Hadley
- Advocate: Mike Gillis
- Warder: Ryan Sullivan,
- Inside Guard: Paul Whyte
- Outside Guard: Jimmy Malzone
- Trustee 1st year (for 3 years): Paulk Deeley
- Council Shares Committee (representing the interests of the council on the Needham Knights of Columbus Building Association, Inc): Paul Bacigalupo, Bob Timmerman, Kevin Lavelle, Chris Kent, Ryan Sullivan.

WELCOME DISTRICT DEPUTY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN

State Deputy Michael Lesperance has appointed James McLaughlin to serve as our District Deputy for this fraternal year. Jim is a second year DD and past grand knight of the Dorchester Council and an active member of the Boston Chapter. He is not a stranger to our council as he has attended several of our fundraisers in past years. I know you will join me in welcoming Jim to our council and make him feel at home.

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL TO FATHER PETER STAMM

At the Masses this weekend, Fr. Peter Stamm, Temporary Administrator and Chaplain to our Council, announced that he will be leaving St. Joseph's and that he has accepted a faculty position at Saint John's Seminary, effective September 1st. He also announced that Cardinal Sean has assigned Father Bryan Parrish as Administrator of Saint Joseph's. Joining Father Parrish will be a newly ordained priest, who has yet to be named.

We thank Father Peter for his over 5 years of dedication and ministry to the people of St. Joseph's and for his support of our council. We hope that he will come back to visit us when his time allows.

AUGUST SOCIAL MEETING

On Wednesday, August 5th, we will have an outdoor social meeting beginning at 6:30. We will have grilled hotdogs and hamburgers and individually packed chips and snacks. If you can help with set up, etc, please contact DGK Chris Kent (617) 530-0004.

PURPLE HEART DAY

Purple Heart Day is observed on August 7 each year and is a time for Americans to pause to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. The Needham VFW and other organizations are planning activities at Memorial Park (across Highland Ave from our hall) to

include the flag raising and display of American flags along Highland Avenue. I will pass along more information as I receive it. I would really like for our council to be part of this day, not only to honor Purple Heart recipients but also to stand by show our respect for our nation's flag in light of the deplorable incident on the July 4th weekend where numerous American flags on display along Highland Ave and Memorial park were burned. This would be a good opportunity for those of you who are 4th Degree members to practice the principle of the 4th Degree which is Patriotism.

FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY MOVES CLOSER TO SAINTHOOD

The Vatican announced on May 27th that Pope Francis Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, a Connecticut priest who served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia.

The pope's action means that Father McGivney can be declared "Blessed," the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint.

The miracle recognized as coming through Father McGivney's intercession involved an unborn child in the United States who in 2015 was healed in utero of a life-threatening condition after prayers by his family to Father McGivney.

Father McGivney spent his entire priesthood in parish ministry and died of pneumonia on August 14, 1890— two days after his 38th birthday – after falling ill amid a pandemic. Recent scientific evidence indicates that that pandemic – like the current one – may have been caused by a coronavirus.

A date will soon be set for the beatification Mass, which will take place in Connecticut. It will include the reading of an apostolic letter from the Holy Father and the bestowing of the title "Blessed" on Father McGivney.

ON LINE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

The Massachusetts State Council will conduct Exemplifications of Charity Unity and Fraternity on ZOOM the Third Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. Candidates are requested to sign-in at 6:30. If you know of Catholic man over the age of 18, who is interested in joining our order, please contact Membership Director Ken Gustin (kengustin100@gmail.com) and he will set up an interview and assist the potential candidate in logging in for the exemplification.

LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND

I am pleased to announce to you that as of today, July 16th, that we have raised in excess of \$8,500.00 for this initiative. We have made donations of \$4,000 each 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. We will continue raising money for this program as long as there is still the need to do so.

STATE RAFFLE TICKETS

Thank you to all who supported the State Raffle. The proceeds from the raffle go to offset the per capita assessment we pay yearly to the State Council. The winners were drawn on June 27, 2020, at the conclusion of the District Deputy Conference. Unfortunately we did not have any winners from our council this year. The Annual State Raffle Winners were:

- \$10,000.00 Chris McAuley, Braintree
- \$3,000.00 Roy Edwards Jr., Brockton
- \$2,000.00 John Jackson, Chelmsford
- \$1,000.00 Fr. John Murray, Raynham
- \$500.00 Rich Kane, Wayland, Suzanne Trasavage, Dedham, Daniel Tassinani, Monson, David Montani, Dennis, Francis Anair, Ware, Justine McKenna, Holyoke, Gene Walsh, Methuen and Matthew Baltier, Reading

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Outside Guard	Jim Malzone	
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