

NEEDHAM KNIGHTS NEWS

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



My Brothers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

I don't know about you, but for me midnight Thursday, December 31, 2020 night couldn't have come fast enough!! Most of us don't want to look back at 2020 for obvious reasons. We look for 2021 to be a year full of healing and getting back to as much normalcy as we can. But if we do look back at 2020, through the darkness and uncertainty that we all faced, there was a bright light. That light was our council and all that we accomplished in the last year. When we were "shut down" at the beginning of March (3 days prior to our biggest annual fundraiser), no one knew what to do and the future of council activities looked dim. It wasn't long after that, at the suggestion of Ken Gustin, we started our Leave No Neighbor Behind initiative and I am proud to say that we have raised over \$13,000.00 which has been donated to The Needham Community Council, Greater Boston Food Bank and St. Monica's food pantry.

Later, in November, John Mulcahy brought the needs of St. Monica's Food Pantry in South Boston to us. Within in a couple short weeks, we got the word out through the church bulletins, social media and our community partners (The Needham Exchange Club, Village Club and VFW) and as you all know the response was incredible. Again, the weekend before Christmas we ran another food drive for St. Monica's and the response was greater than in November. Thanks in part to the very generous donation by the Needham Exchange Club, in addition to the collected non-perishable items, we were able to deliver 800 pounds of fresh produce to St. Monica's as well. It was a great effort and even greater to see so many new members get involved. Special thanks, to DGK Chris Kent, Inside Guard Paul Whyte and PGK Mike Fraini for assisting with the delivery to South Boston of the almost 2,000 pounds of donated food on the Monday before Christmas.

We will look to help St. Monica's in the coming months and we will be looking at some new twists on some of our annual events to continue our support of the Seminarians, St. Joseph Parish School and our scholarship program. We are ALWAYS open to new ideas. Please, if you have any suggestions, let me know.

Looking back, 2020 was a good year in the life of our council and looking ahead, 2021 is going to be even better, because of you!

VIVAT JESUS!!

Fraternally,

Bob Timmerman, Grand Knight

PRAYERS

Prayers are requested for Brothers Phil Lavelle and Jim Tierney, Ann Cosgrove, wife of brother Ed Cosgrove.

JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING

On this coming, Wednesday, January 6th, at 7:30 PM, we will have our monthly business meeting. The meeting will be held virtually, via ZOOM. Please use the link below.

Topic: January Business Meeting

Time: Jan 6, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87014937438?pwd=OEJHN0dlSEhmMHEyYU10Q3F2MkF5UT09>

Meeting ID: 870 1493 7438

Passcode: 225732

A separate reminder will be sent one day prior to the meeting.

ANNUAL DUES

Financial Secretary Bob Mullen informs us that dues notices for 2021 have gone out and the returns have been good. This year, more than ever, we will rely on our dues to help us to continue our works of charity. Your prompt payment is appreciated. If there is anyone who, due to the current state of the economy, brought about by the pandemic, cannot afford to pay the \$60.00 annual dues please confidentially contact Bob Timmerman

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Director Ken Gustin needs your help in promoting membership so that we can attain our quota 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 January will be entered into a drawing to win a Knights of Columbus polo shirt customized with the council logo.

SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER FOR SEMINARIAN SUPPORT

For over 25 years, we have held a Super Bowl Party to raise funds to support seminarians studying for the priesthood at St. John's Seminary in Brighton and Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary in Weston. This year will continue the tradition, but in a different way. To achieve our goal, we will be selling squares for \$100.00. All those who purchase a square will be automatically entered into a drawing to win a 60-inch smart TV. The payouts for the winning squares will be:

1st Quarter: \$1,000. Halftime: \$1,500. 3rd Quarter: \$1,000. Final: \$2,000.

We will announce a couple of days and times in the coming weeks to come and select your square or you may do it via email.

It is the hope of the committee to have all the squares sold a few days prior to Super Bowl Sunday, so that we can draw the lucky ticket for the TV and deliver it to the lucky winner so that they can watch the game on their new TV. In order for this to be a success, we need you to pass along this information to your friends and family.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

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. The committee will pass along information in the next newsletter with more details.

We will be holding another virtual fundraiser (either trivia or music bingo) sometime in February to complete the fundraising for the 4 scholarships.

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 in 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 who take the class, the better. The course takes 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.

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