

My Brothers,

As I write this newsletter, it is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of personal reflection, preparedness and charity. I hope that you all will have a meaningful Advent and a wonderful Christmas. You will find below a number of ways to help the council with acts of Charity, the first principle of our Order.

VIVAT JESUS!!

Fraternally,

Bob Timmerman, Grand Knight

PRAYERS

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of brother Tony Cefalo, who passed away at home on November 29th. Tony was a member for over 64 years. We also continue to pray for Ann Cosgrove, wife of brother Ed Cosgrove, Terri Payer, wife of brother Bob Payer and brothers Jim Tierney and Herek Zwirello.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!

We congratulate brother Bob Riley and his wife Hallie on the birth of their second son, James McKenney Riley, born on November 21st. James joins his big brother Robert at home.

DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

On this coming, Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:30pm, we will have our monthly business meeting. The meeting will be held virtually, via ZOOM. Please use the following link: Topic: December Business Meeting

Time: Dec 2, 2020 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82976598587?pwd=VkRrcjE4VW5Td21QdjRGSTRVUU czdz09

Meeting ID: 829 7659 8587

Passcode: 613806

A separate reminder will be sent also

FOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

A note of thanks to all who stepped up to help out with our Thanksgiving food drive, especially to brother John Mulcahy who brought this need to us and spearheaded our efforts. I also want to thank Ken Gustin for his role in helping to get the word out thru our Facebook page, website and church bulletins. Thank you too to the Needham Exchange Club and the Needham Village Club for promoting our drive to their membership. We collected over 1,100 pounds of food for the families served by St. Monica's Kitchen in South Boston. The council also gave St. Monica's Kitchen a check for \$500.00 from donations received. The response was so overwhelming and the need so great that we will be conducting another drive on the weekend of December 19 and 20. More information will follow with specific needs. If you can help that weekend, please contact John Mulcahy at mulcahyjt@gmail.com or Bob Timmerman at rtimmerman1021@yahoo.com

Thank you in advance for your generous acts of charity.

Father Bryan has asked the Knights to help with ushering duties for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses. Due to expected attendance and limited seating, there will be 10 Masses: Christmas Eve 3 and 5pm (upstairs and downstairs) and 7pm upstairs and Christmas Day 7:30am upstairs, 9 and 11am (both upstairs and downstairs). This is a great opportunity to step up and help and give the Knights some visibility in Church. There will be a training session ahead of time.

Anyone who can help at a Mass or more, please contact Bob Timmerman at rtimmerman1021@yahoo.com

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

Every fall we participate in the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit children with intellectual and physical disabilities. 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. Throughout the month of November, we will be accepting monetary donations via Venmo or by mailing a check to the council at 1211 Highland Avenue, Needham MA 02492. 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. If you have any questions regarding the Tootsie Roll Drive or the State Charity fund, please contact either Ken Gustin or Bob Timmerman

ANNUAL DUES

Financial Secretary Bob Mullen informs us that dues notices for 2021 have gone out in the last week or so. 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 due to the pandemic, cannot afford to pay the \$60.00 annual dues, should confidentially contact Bob Timmerman.

SERVE SAFE TRAINIUNG 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 hose 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 who take the class, the better. The course take about 2 hours online and can be found at <u>www.servesafe.com</u>. 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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