



# NEEDHAM KNIGHTS NEWS

Newsletter of the  
Father Daniel J. Kennedy- Needham Council 1611 Jan. 2020

My Brother Knights,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas with your families. As we enter into the 2nd half of our fraternal year, I urge you to get involved. Come to a meeting, sponsor a new member, take part in and attend one of our upcoming events.

Vivat Jesus,

Bob Timmerman, GK

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## PRAYERS

Prayers have been requested for the following: the repose of the soul of Anne Brennan who passed away on November 27<sup>th</sup> and for the repose of the soul of our brother Dan Kennedy who passed away on Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>.

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## WELCOME NEW BROTHERS

Please join me in welcoming our new brothers Keith Portanova, Jim Clark and Peter Wright, who have recently received the honors of the First Degree.

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## NEXT BUSINESS MEETING

Our next Council Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, **JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**.  
**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW STARTING TIMES. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm. The Rosary will start at 7:00pm and the Business Meeting will start promptly at 7:30pm.** 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

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## COOKS NEEDED

Do you have a favorite meal that you would like to share with you 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](mailto:wck02494@gmail.com). We need cooks for February, March, April, May and June. We will provide you with any help you need. The council reimburses you for any expenses.

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## SERVE SAFE MEMBERS

As part of our permitting to serve food from our kitchen, the Needham Public Health Dept. requires that we have at least 4 members who are trained in the safe handling, preparation and serving of food. There is a simple online course that you can take (it is approximately 1.5 hours). The council will reimburse you upon successful completion of the course. We currently have 1 member who is Serve Safe certified. I need to have at least 3 more by January 20<sup>th</sup>. Please contact me if this is something that you can help with. You do not need to be present at all meetings or functions. By having several members certified, the duties can be shared.

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## SUPER BOWL 2020

It's never too early to start think about and planning for our Annual Super Bowl Party for Seminarian Support. **We Need You.** The date is Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Anyone interested in helping out please contact the Grand Knight. Last year we featured a chili cook off and I think we can build on that this year and make it better. Tickets are \$25.00. All money raised goes to benefit seminarians studying for the priesthood at both St. John's in Brighton and Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston.

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## ANNUAL SAINT PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE

Plans are underway for our annual celebration of all things Irish on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. 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. Proceeds from the evening go to benefit St. Joseph Elementary and Monsignor Haddad Middle Schools.

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## **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED**

Carol Fraini has taken over the coordinating of rides for the elderly who attend the 4pm 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](mailto:threekids@rcn.com)

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## **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.

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## **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 [knightsgear.com](http://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.

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## **BRIARWOOD REPORT**

Brother Mary Cunniffe shares the following report on the monthly Briarwood visit: We had a great day at Briarwood today not only celebrating a number of birthdays but celebrating Christmas as well. Lots of "Happy Birthdays" and Christmas carols and songs. Present were:

Dan Brennan, Deborah Lovett, Patty Warren, Sandy and Bob Van Sickle, John Kostuk, Margaret Pobywajlo, Ted Harrigan, Bob Timmerman, Bill Meisner, Bill (Santa) Dermody and me.

Also a big 'Thank You' to Tom Harkins for the use of his Santa suit.  
Next time we go on January 18.

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### **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 6:30am for fellowship, song, scripture, reflection and robust discussion. For more information contact Ted Harrigan at [timothyharrigan@verizon.net](mailto:timothyharrigan@verizon.net) . **Next Meeting Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup>**.

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### **NEW EVENT! – PUPPIES AND PASTA FAMILY DINNER NIGHT**

Plans are in the works for a new event designed to be a fun family night for members of both Parishes, Schools, and our friends and neighbors in general. We will be partnering with Shultz's Guest House, a wonderful local animal rescue. Shultz's will provide a roomful of adoptable puppies for children and their parents to meet and play with and we will provide a pasta and meatball dinner. The event is meant to raise money for this worthy cause, attract families interested in adopting a puppy, increase our council's visibility to prospective new members, and bring together families from our Catholic community and beyond. Proposed date for this event is Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Details to be confirmed shortly.

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### **Officers for the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year**

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