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NEEDHAM KNIGHTS NEWS

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



My Brothers,

Our world has changed so dramatically in such a short time due to the outbreak of the Covid 19 virus and the whole new idea of social distancing. While having to cancel so many activities is disappointing, it is for the best. I am confident that we will all come out of this stronger and that we will be able to pick up where we left off and continue the good works of our council.

There will be NO MEETING ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 1ST. I will be investigating ways to have a live streamed meeting later in the month of April and if necessary, in May as well. If any of you have any experience with this, please reach out to me.

While for many, the coronavirus has curtailed their Lenten journeys, there are many opportunities available thru Catholic TV and our own parishes. Check your local parish website to see what is being offered.

I want to thank Paul Whyte, Martin Kerrigan and Ted Harrigan for all the time they put in to organizing the St. Patrick's Dinner Dance. We held out as long as possible in making the decision to cancel the event. Our decision was made for us by the Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and State Deputy Paul Flanagan when they issued the order that all council meetings and functions were to cease until further notice.

Traditionally this time of year is a busy one in the life of our council as we honor the free throw competitors, award scholarships, nominate officers for the next fraternal year and as always recruit new members. I urge you to still seek out potential new members and pass their contact information on to myself and membership director Ken Gustin. We can do phone interviews with prospective candidates and have them all ready to go when we are able to resume our activities.

I will be consulting with Bill Dermody, chairman of the scholarship committee, to see if we should adjust the deadline for submission of applications so that all potential applicants have ample opportunity to submit their application.

I will be sending out another letter in the next couple of weeks with updates and hopefully good news. In the meantime, if any of you need anything at all whether its grocery shopping or any errands, please reach out to my self or one of the officers. There are many of us who can help. Until then, Be Smart, Stay Well and PRAY for our national, state, town and church leaders as well as all the medical professionals and first responders who are working tirelessly on the front lines of this pandemic.

Vivat Jesus,

Bob Timmerman, Grand Knight

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MEMBERSHIP

We have three men who have expressed a strong interest in becoming new members of our council: Patrick Dean, Peter Antonelli, and Fr. Jim Koury. We are exploring options for a degree ceremony with District Deputy, Bryan Choate, but we may need to wait till our leadership signals an all clear for events and gatherings again. Updates to follow as they develop.

ROSARY HELP ON OUR WEBSITE

Please note: With Mass suspended during this Pandemic, we are encouraging all Catholics to pray the Rosary regularly. Our council's website (www.needhamkofc.org) has a "lightbox" that appears a few seconds after it renders in your browser giving safety tips for everyone to follow as well as encouraging people to pray the rosary. Clicking on the image brings you to a page which gives instructions on how to do so (in case anyone is out of practice). We are blessed to have such a loving intercessor as the Virgin Mary to implore Jesus to give us strength, comfort and peace as we all seek to weather this storm.

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Sadly, we have not yet figured out a way to comply with licensing regulations to show monthly movies in the hall as described at our last council meeting. As the pandemic has made this impossible for the time being, it is buying us a bit more time to find a clever solution. We hope to be able to come up with a means to accomplish this. Anyone with any ideas please contact Ken Gustin at kengustin100@gmail.com.

PRAYERS

As the days turn to weeks and the weeks turn to months, it is likely that we will become aware of friends, family members, and acquaintances who test positive for the Coronavirus, or who have lost their jobs, or who have been threatened in other ways. With the consent of those who have been impacted, please share these names with the council and we will pray for their rapid and complete recovery and a positive resolution to their situation. Prayer is a powerful weapon, and we have all experienced its effectiveness in healing the sick or finding shelter from the storm.

CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER

The demographics of our membership represents a high-risk population for infection by the Coronavirus. As such, we urge you all to take every precaution to avoid infection. Fortunately, the most effective way to do this is to simply stay home, wash your hands frequently, practice social distancing, and avoid crowds of any sort. Please be mindful of these simple guidelines and with God's grace we will all be safe and be able to gather again in the near future.

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