

# NEEDHAM KNIGHTS NEWS

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



My Brothers,

As I sit down to write this newsletter, which is my last newsletter for the Fraternal Year and as your Grand Knight, I look back on all that we as a council have accomplished these last 2 years. We started out strong in September of 2019 and were cruising along nicely until March of 2020 when we had to shut down council functions due to the pandemic. But we kept on moving forward and did so many great things. Our council raised over \$13,000 for our local food pantry and the Greater Boston Food Bank and we held 2 very successful food drives that collected well over 2500 pounds of much needed perishable and non-perishable food items for St. Monica's Kitchen in South Boston. We raised funds to support 4 scholarships and thru some creative ways funded almost \$7,000 to support local seminarians. It's been a great 2 years despite the COVID limitations.

None of this would have been possible without all of you pitching in and getting the job done. I thank my fellow officers: Chris Kent, Rob Timmerman, Ron Hadley, Bob Parks, Ryan Sullivan, Mike Gillis, Bob Mullen, Paul Whyte, Jim Malzone, Dan Brennan, Paul Deeley and Marty Cunniffe for always being available to help with anything and everything. Special thanks also to Ted Harrigan for always being available and pitching in behind the scenes and Ken Gustin for not only being Membership Director but most importantly handling all of our communications needs via email, website, newspapers, church bulletins and social media. To all of our new members over the last 2 years, THANK YOU for joining and getting involved and to all of you, I thank you for all that you continue to do to make our council great!

I am honored and grateful for the trust you have put in me these last 2 years to lead our council, it has been a lot of work but also fun and very gratifying. While I now have a seat in the back row, I am not going anywhere and pledge my continued support to the next administration and to all of you, my Brother Knights!

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Bob Timmerman  
Grand Knight

## JUNE BUSINESS MEETING

On this coming, Wednesday, June 2nd at 7:30pm, we will have our monthly business meeting IN PERSON at our Hall. Masks must be worn unless you have been fully vaccinated. We hope to start the meeting by recognizing our college scholarship recipients. The election of officers will also take place. Due to COVID, we will not be serving dinner or beverages.

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE 2021 – 2022 FRATERNAL YEAR

Thank you to Ted Harrigan, chair, PGK Paul Deeley, and Mike Fraini for agreeing to serve as the nominating committee. Nominations remain open until Wednesday June 2nd at the monthly business meeting. Please reach out to Ted, Paul or Mike if you have any questions. The nominations for the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year beginning July 1, 2021 are:

Grand Knight:	William C. "Chris" Kent
Deputy Grand Knight:	Robert T. "Rob" Timmerman III
Chancellor:	James F. Clark
Recorder:	Ryan E. Sullivan
Treasurer	Ronald E. Hadley
Advocate:	Michael K. Gillis
Warden:	Gregory M. Tilley
Inside Guard:	Paul C. Whyte
Outside Guard:	James F. Malzone

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## MEMBERSHIP

We need 3 more new members before the end of June to meet our quota and for us to qualify for Star Council. Membership Director Ken Gustin needs your help in promoting membership to reach our goal. 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 by Wednesday, June 2nd will be entered into a drawing to win a Knights of Columbus polo shirt customized with the council logo.

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## PACKATHON

St. Joseph Parish is sponsoring a first ever Packathon, at our hall, to provide meals for Hôpital Sacré Coeur in support of the neediest in the Milot region of Haiti. Help is needed (6-10 men) to help unload the supplies from the truck and set up the hall on Friday June 10th from 5:00 until 7:30 PM. Meals will be packed on Saturday June 12 from 8:00 until 4:00 PM and again on Sunday June 13 from 8:00 until 2:00 PM. We need an army of volunteers over two days to support this effort. Get a group from your neighborhood, your book club, your sports teams and your scout troops to volunteer for two-hour shifts at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 1211 Highland Ave. in Needham. We will be both inside and outside (weather permitting), and there will be ample space to spread out for the Packathon. We ask that you wear masks. Gloves, hairnets, and hand sanitizer will be provided. When you arrive at the packing site, you will confirm your registration, a volunteer will take a quick temperature check and then you will be given your assigned table to work at. We are hoping to pack 100,000 meals over this two-day event, so we really do need many volunteers to achieve this ambitious goal. Please come 15 minutes before your assigned shift to check in and receive instructions from the team. Shifts begin at 8:00 AM and go to 4:00 PM on Saturday and until 2:00 PM on Sunday

To Sign Up:

Saturday Shifts: <https://stjosephparish21.flocknote.com/signup/55768>

Sunday Shifts: <https://stjosephparish21.flocknote.com/signup/55769>

Please tell your family and friends. Children are welcome but should be at least 10 years old to participate. For any questions, please email [mfachetti@verizon.net](mailto:mfachetti@verizon.net). Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on June 12th & 13th! Please contact Bob Timmerman 781-589-4227 if you can help in any way or have any questions.

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## RSVP RECIPIENTS

I am pleased to let you know that with the help of Father Peter Stamm, we have selected the following seminarians as recipients of our Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP): Michael Dickson, who is a Needham native and member of our Council, studying at Pope St. John XXIII Seminary in Weston; Johnathan Saniuk, Andrew John Rondelli, Marcelo Ferrari, Christopher Letizia, and Steven Restrepo (who will be assigned to St. Joseph's as a Deacon for the coming year), who are all studying at Saint John's Seminary in Brighton.

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## OFFICERS FOR THE 2020-2021 FRATERNAL YEAR

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