

NEEDHAM KNIGHTS NEWS

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



My Brothers,

I hope that this communication finds you all well. Things are slowly starting to open up and we can cautiously return to some level of activity, including attending Mass. I urge you all to please act cautiously and follow the prescribed guidelines that we all have been given. If we all do as we should, we will get back to some sense of normalcy sooner than later. When things start to return to the “new norm” over the summer we will open up the hall (or parking lot in the good weather) for some fraternity and to start planning for the upcoming fraternal year.

In spite of the shutdown, I’m pleased to say we have managed to continue to move forward with membership, new programs, events, and preparations for council elections. Please see relevant council news and updates below.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Timmerman

Grand Knight

JUNE MEETING

We will hold our monthly meeting via Zoom, on Wednesday, June 3rd beginning at 7:30pm. You will receive a separate email with the invitation and instructions by Tuesday evening. Items to come before the meeting will be the election of Council Officers for the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year. Please see the report of the nominating committee below.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MCLAUGHLIN

"A Little Reminder: June 25, 1950- June 25, 2020

In our K of C Council, we have gathered for prayer that God would help the people of North Korea. On June 25 we will observe 70 years since the Korean War began. We have in Memorial Field, Needham, a monument dedicated June 25, 2000 to the memory of the six Needham men who died in that war. About 30 Council members or family members have gathered a bit now and then to pray there for peace and reconciliation on the Korean peninsula. Let us ask God, Mary and the Saints (the 112 Korean martyrs) in prayer that those who died over a half century ago did not die in vain. May there never be another Korean war, O Lord, let us pray to our Lord!"

K OF C FOUNDER FR. MICHAEL MCGIVENEY MOVES CLOSER TO SAINTHOOD

The Vatican announced on May 27th that Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, a Connecticut priest who served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia.

The pope's action means that Father McGivney can be declared "Blessed," the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint.

The miracle recognized as coming through Father McGivney's intercession involved an unborn child in the United States who in 2015 was healed in utero of a life-threatening condition after prayers by his family to Father McGivney.

Father McGivney spent his entire priesthood in parish ministry and died of pneumonia on August 14, 1890— two days after his 38th birthday – after falling ill amid a pandemic. Recent scientific evidence indicates that that pandemic – like the current one – may have been caused by a coronavirus.

A date will soon be set for the beatification Mass, which will take place in Connecticut. It will include the reading of an apostolic letter from the Holy Father and the bestowing of the title "Blessed" on Father McGivney. Details will be provided as they become available.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the May meeting each year, a Nominating Committee appointed by the Grand Knight of the Council proposes a slate of officers for the fraternal ending in June of the following year. Council members may also make nominations at that meeting.

At the June meeting the slate is read again, after which Council members may again offer nominations for any office.

Once the nominations are closed, an election is held. If there is more than one nominee for any position, a ballot is taken to determine which nominee is elected.

The following are the offices to be filled, a brief description of the duties of each office, and your Committee's nominations for the fraternal year ending June 30, 2021.

Grand Knight:

Among other things,

- Presides over meetings
- Enforces the rules of the Council and the laws of the Order
- Appoints committees
- Is Chairman of the Board of Trustees
- Acts as Chaplain in the absence of regular Chaplain

Nominee: Robert T. Timmerman II

Deputy Grand Knight:

Presides and executes all the duties of the Grand Knight in his absence or inability.

Nominee: William C. "Chris" Kent

Chancellor:

- Assists the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight and shall take charge of the Council in the event of the absence or incapacity of both.
- Subject to Grand Knight approval, shall institute a program to develop the availability and interests of members in the activities of the Council.
- Shall exercise a special interest in new members, and those members who are sick or in distress.

Nominee: Robert T. Timmerman III (Rob)

Recorder:

Keeps a record of the doings of the Council, particularly minutes of meetings.

Nominee: Robert G. Parks

Treasurer:

Is the custodian of all funds of the Council, and pays bills approved by the Financial Secretary and the Grand Knight.

Nominee: Ronald E. Hadley

Advocate:

Is the attorney of the Council in case of trial and investigation of any matter of interest to the Council, including adherence to the Council bylaws and the Constitution of the Order.

Nominee: Michael K. Gillis

Warden:

Is in charge of Council property other than funds and record books and shall perform such other duties as may be imposed by the Council.

Nominee: Ryan E. Sullivan

Inside Guard:

Attends the entrance to the council chamber through the inner door.

Nominee: Paul C. Whyte

Outside Guard:

Attends the entrance to the council chamber through the outer door.

Nominee: James F. Malzone

Board of Trustees:

The Trustees supervise the financial business of the Council, audit the accounts of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer semiannually, and report these audits to the Council, the State and the Supreme Secretary. The Grand Knight is ex officio chairman of the Board of Trustees. Three additional Council members serve for staggered three year terms. As a Trustee's term progresses, he is successively known as "1st Year", "2nd Year", and "3rd Year". Each year, we elect a 1st Year Trustee. As he takes office, the previous 1st Year Trustee automatically becomes 2nd year, the 2nd Year Trustee becomes 3rd Year, and the 3rd Year Trustee's term expires.

Nominee 1st Year Trustee (a/k/a Trustee 3 Year: Paul J. Deeley

Council Shares Committee:

This building is owned by The Needham Knights of Columbus Building Association, Inc. The Association's by-laws require that at least 51% of the corporation's stock be owned by our Council. The Council Shares are represented by a committee of 13 members, at least three of whom are elected by the Council each year. This year we are electing five members to a term of three years each.

Nominees: Paul F. Bacigalupo, Jr., Robert T. Timmerman II (Bob), Kevin P. Lavelle, William C. "Chris" Kent, Ryan S. Sullivan

By the Nominations Committee:

Timothy M. Harrigan, Chair

Martin J. Cunniffe, Ryan S. Sullivan, Kenneth J. Gustin

NEW MEMBER

Please join me in welcoming Mark Julien to our order. Mark received his degrees through the online exemplification in late April, and we're excited to have him join us. Mark is the ninth new member to join our order this Fraternal year.

ON LINE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

In an effort to increase membership statewide, The Massachusetts State Council will conduct Exemplifications of Charity Unity and Fraternity on ZOOM each Tuesday in June, 2020 at 7 PM. Candidates are requested to sign-in at 6:30. If you know of a potential candidate, please contact Membership Chairman, Ken Gustin (kengustin100@gmail.com) and he will set up an interview and assist the potential candidate in logging in for the exemplification.

SCHOLARSHIPS

After some discussion, the scholarship committee has decided to postpone awarding any scholarships this year. Due to the challenges of the Coronavirus, it was logistically impossible to field applications, process them and select recipients. Next year we will offer 4 scholarships. Two will be awarded to high school graduate Class of 2020, who will be finishing their first year of college and two will be awarded to high school graduates of 2021.

LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND

I am pleased to announce that as of May 28th, we have raised in excess of **\$7,700** for the Leave No Neighbor Behind initiative to support both the Needham Community Council Food Pantry and the Greater Boston Food Bank. It is humbling to have received so many generous donations from our brothers and families and the greater community of Needham. We will continue raising money for this program as long as there is still the need to do so. We received some good press on this both on the Needham Patch and in the Hometown Weekly Newspaper. You are all to be commended for your efforts in spreading the word and your direct contributions to this worthy and much needed cause.

STATE RAFFLE TICKETS

Thank you to all who were able to come down to the parking lot and buy tickets for the State Raffle. The raffle drawing date has been pushed off until later in June and I will keep you informed as to who the luck winners are.

MUSIC BINGO

We had a very successful and fun evening of Music Bingo on Saturday May 9th. We raised over **\$1,100.00** on that night for the Leave No Neighbor Behind program. Thank you to our host PGK Mike "Sarge" Riley for all his hard work behind the scenes organizing the event and for always providing an entertaining night. Thanks also to Chancellor, Rob Timmerman for allowing us access to his Venmo account as a means of collecting donations.
