

NEEDHAM KNIGHTS NEWS

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



My Brother Knights,

We are entering a busy time of the year for our council. We've had the local free-throw competition and await the district and regional competitions. Thank you to Ryan Sullivan for coordinating this. Ken Gustin held a successful movie night and we hope to build on this and make it a regular event. The Super Bowl party promises to be another great success for our seminarians. Puppies and Pasta Family Dinner Night will be coming up later this month. See more information below. Saint Patrick's Dinner Dance plans are under way. We are planning another Music Bingo Night for the end of April. More information will follow. There are lots of opportunities to get involved. If you are interested in helping out with any of our upcoming functions, please let me know. If you have any ideas for a function, not necessarily a fundraiser, let me know and we can form a committee to facilitate the event. This is your council brothers and it's time to get involved!!

Vivat Jesus,

Bob Timmerman, GK

PRAYERS

Prayers have been requested for the following: the repose of the soul of Anne Jackson, the wife of brother Bunky Jackson who passed away on January 16th.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING

Our next Council Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5TH.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW STARTING TIMES. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm. The Rosary will start at 7:00 PM and the Business Meeting will start promptly at 7:30 PM. Our chef for the evening will be Bob VanSickle. If you can help with dinner in any way, please contact DGK Chris Kent at 617-530-0004 or wck02494@gmail.com

FRATERNAL NIGHT AT THE DEDHAM COUNCIL

We have been invited by the Dedham Council to join them for their Fraternal Night on Saturday, February 29th at their council. This is a great opportunity for us to meet the brothers from Dedham and enjoy some socialization, shoot pool, and play corn hole. Anyone interested can contact me or Dedham's Deputy GK, Lindsay Barich @lindsayb@uwinc.com .

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. We need cooks for March, April, May and June. We will provide you with any help you need. The council reimburses you for any expenses.

KITCHEN INSPECTION

Thank you to Chris Kent, Paul Whyte and Bob Parks for helping to clean and organize our kitchen for our annual inspection by the Needham Public Health Dept. I'm pleased to let you know that we passed without any problems. Last month I asked for volunteers to take an online food safety handling course by SERVE SAFE. I have had 2 members step forward and successfully take the course. The Needham Public Health inspector strongly urged that any person helping to prepare a meal in our kitchen, take this course. It is not difficult. I will be announcing a mandatory meeting for any of our current cooks and all those interested in utilizing their skills in the kitchen, to go over the procedures for using our kitchen.

SUPER BOWL 2020

As of this writing, we are a day away from our annual Super Bowl Party. A full report will be given at the meeting and published in the newsletter next month. Thank you to all who have helped.

PUPPIES & PASTA FAMILY DINNER NIGHT

On Thursday evening February 27th at 6:30 we will be hosting a Family Dinner Night at the hall. The goal of the event is to create a bridge between the families of St. Joe's, St. Bart's, and both of our schools, giving them a neutral gathering place to get to know each other better. With the parishes scheduled to merge sometime in the coming years these events serve an important role in building one community. As an attraction to draw families to the event we have partnered with Shultz's Guest House, an excellent local dog rescue in Dedham, to bring a roomful of puppies for the kids and parents to play with and get to learn more about Shultz's and their mission. Admission is \$25 per adult and \$10 per child under 12. There will be a 50/50 raffle and some raffle baskets. Net proceeds for the night will go to Shultz's Guest House.

ANNUAL SAINT PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE

Plans are underway for our annual celebration of all things Irish on Saturday, March 14th. 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.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Carol Fraini has taken over the coordinating of rides for the elderly who attend the 4 PM 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 .

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.

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. 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.

BRIARWOOD REPORT

Thank you to Marty Cunniffe and all those who continually go to brighten up the day for the residents of Briarwood. The next trip to Briarwood is on Saturday, February 22nd at 2pm.

CATHOLIC MEN'S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION

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 timothymharrigan@verizon.net .

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