

NEEDHAM KNIGHTS NEWS

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



Dear Brothers,

As we welcome in the upcoming fall months, we're off to a fast start to the year, with September having been a very busy month. We jumped back in with college football game day, and council meetings at the hall. Our September meeting was our first in-person gathering in over a year. It was also my first meeting as your Grand Knight. It is truly an honor to lead our council and be part of such a great group of Brothers.

We kicked off our first fundraiser of the fraternal year with Music Bingo hosted by Past Grand Knight, Mike Riley. It proved to be a great night and a healthy start for our scholarship fund. Thank you to all for making it a successful event.

We held our first Tuesday Knight at the Movies event, and hope to build on that solid initial showing over the next twelve months. We encourage you to attend future movie Knights.

We had an important presence at St. Joseph's Parish Picnic with our own ministry table and had several wonderful conversations with attendees and parishioners about who we are and what we do, as well as discussions about partnering with other ministries at St. Joe's.

Our officer installation ceremony lead by our District Deputy Jimmy McLaughin was efficient and solemn. Thank you to our new officers, their families, and friends who attended, making it a very special evening. Congratulations to all, and we look forward to your guidance as you take on your new roles.

As we move into October, please pay close attention to your emails as we have many programs that require brother Knights help to push our agenda forward.

Thank you for your continued support.

Vivat Jesus!

Christopher Kent
Grand Knight

OUR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Our next council meeting will be held Wednesday Oct 6th starting at 6:30 with dinner. Past Grand Knight (and chef extraordinaire) Bob Timmerman will be cooking up a storm. Dinner will be followed by the rosary at 7:00 and our council business meeting starting at 7:30. We had lots of new faces at our September meeting, so please take the time to join us to meet our newest Brothers this month, and keep informed about all the upcoming works of the council in what will be a busy October and November.

KNIGHTSGEAR MERCHANDISE SALE

Again this month, we will have Knights merchandise available at the hall. It was good to see so many buying gear last month, so if you weren't able to buy something, you have another chance to grab a cool K of C Tee shirt on Wednesday night. All purchases will be cash only so remember to stop by an ATM on your way to the hall. This is an easy way to increase our visibility in the community, which is so important for creating interest in our mission.

NEW MEMBERS

Please join me in welcoming our newest Brothers into the Fr. Daniel J. Kennedy council: Phil Bonasia and Roger Selmi, who both attended September's online exemplification and are now Third-Degree Knights. Congratulations to both of you and welcome to our council!

TUESDAY KNIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Our newest evangelization effort is our Tuesday Knight at the Movies series. This is a fantastic series which features a blockbuster movie every month preceded by a ten-minute commentary from Bishop Robert Barron on that night's film, drawing out the underlying Christian theme embedded within it. The teachings of our faith are all around us, so much so we sometimes fail to even see them. If you make the effort to attend you won't regret it! You'll never watch movies the same way. This month's feature: **TRUE GRIT**, starring Jeff Bridges! Details and a trailer are on our website. <https://www.needhamkofc.org/general-9>

BRIARWOOD VISITS ARE BACK

We are scheduled to head back to Briarwood for our monthly birthday sing-along on the 3rd Saturday in October, the 16th, from 2:00 to 3:00. Please join us. The residents love this fun get together and our and

our traveling band of songsters always brighten their afternoon. Many thanks to brother Marty Cunniffe for his long-standing leadership and commitment to this wonderful ministry.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

Brothers Greg Tilley and DGK Robbie Timmerman are setting the stage for this year's Tootsie Roll Drive! They have set the following dates for collecting at our churches:

St. Joseph – Oct. 16th and 17th after all Masses
St. Bartholemew – Oct. 23rd and 24th after all Masses

To help out, simply leave Mass a few minutes early and grab a vest, canister and Tootsies and set yourself outside an exit. It's easy, quick, and fun, and people are always very generous. They will be happy to see us again after being absent last year!

More dates are being set up to collect outside of Dunkin' Donuts and Sudbury Farms/Volante's. Watch your inbox for details!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

PGK, Bob Timmerman is coordinating our Fall Membership Drive. We ask that you help support this effort as your circumstances allow. New members breathe new life into our council and our activities. Plus, it's exciting telling our story to people who are curious. Details will be made available in the upcoming days. Watch your inbox! If you know of someone who is interested in joining us, or think would make a great Knight please send their name on to our Membership Director, PGK Bob Timmerman at rtimmerman1021@yahoo.com.

ON THE HORIZON

We are actively working on several events before the end of the calendar year in addition to those listed above. They include an Advent Holy Hour, Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Drives, and a Blood Drive. Thank you to those Brothers championing these efforts! Details will be in our November Newsletter.

OFFICERS FOR THE 2021 – 2022 FRATERNAL YEAR

GRAND KNIGHT
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT
WARDEN

William C. "Chris" Kent
Robert T. Timmerman III
Gregory M. Tilley

TREASURER
RECORDER
ADVOCATE
CHANCELLOR
INSIDE GUARD
OUTSIDE GUARD

Ronald E. Hadley
Ryan E. Sullivan
Michael K. Gillis
John Kent
Paul C. Whyte
James F. Malzone

COMMITTEE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

MEMBERSHIP DIR.
COMMUNICATIONS DIR.
TRUSTEE 1ST YEAR "3 Year"
TRUSTEE 2ND YEAR "2 Year"
TRUSTEE 3RD YEAR "1 Year"

Robert Timmerman
Ken Gustin
Timothy M. Harrigan
Paul J. Deeley
Daniel O. Brennan