

# NEEDHAM KNIGHTS NEWS

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



My Brothers,

I hope that this communication finds you and your families all well. The month of November is a month of remembrance, honor and giving thanks. We celebrate the Feast Days of All Saints and All Souls on November 1st and 2nd. On November 11th we pause and remember and thank our Veterans, living and deceased who served in our country's military. Thursday November 26th is Thanksgiving Day, a day to return thanks to God for all of the blessings he has bestowed on us and our families. I know that in this year of pandemic turmoil, it might be hard to be thankful for much, but there is so much to be thankful for. I am thankful for you, my brother knights, who do so much for so many in our church and community. While you may think that your contribution, whether it be of your time or resources may be insignificant, it is not. If you add up all that you give and do for others and combine it with the good works of so many of our brothers, it is truly magnificent. In the past 8 months alone (since the onset of the pandemic) our council raised over \$10,000 for both the Needham Community Council Food Pantry and The Greater Boston Food Bank. Going forward, we need to continue our acts of charity. Consider volunteering, if you are able, at church to help clean and sanitize after Mass. If any of you see or hear of a need that you think we should assist with, please let me know.

During this month of remembrance, I am mindful of our deceased brothers who laid the strong foundation that our council sits on and has continued to build on. I especially remember brothers Julio Farulla (my membership sponsor), Bob Martin, Jack Murray, Bill McCarty, Walter Steeves, Fred Scipione, John Gaffney and Russ Rose, who all supported your grand knight when I was a young, new member.

I wish you and your's a Blessed Thanksgiving!

VIVAT JESUS!!

Fraternally,

Bob Timmerman, Grand Knight

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### **PRAYERS**

Prayers are requested for Ann Cosgrove, wife of brother Ed Cosgrove, Terri Payer, wife of brother Bob Payer and brothers Jim Tierney and Herek Zwirello.

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### **NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING**

On this coming, Wednesday, November 4th at 7:30pm, we will have our monthly business meeting. The meeting will be held virtually, via ZOOM. YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH THE ZOOM INVITATION.

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### **TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE**

Every fall we participate in the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit children with intellectual and physical disabilities. This year, like most things, our Tootsie Roll Drive is going to be different. We will NOT be able to hand out tootsie rolls to folks at church or the supermarkets. Throughout the month of November, we will be accepting monetary donations via Venmo or by mailing a check to the council at 1211 Highland Avenue, Needham MA 02492. Visit our Tootsie Roll Drive donation page on our website at <https://www.needhamkofc.org/tootsie> , and this same linked will be shared on our Facebook page as well. Please share this with your FaceBook friends to encourage donations. All of the money collected is turned in to the Massachusetts State Knights of Columbus Charity Fund. We as a council can make application to the State Charity Fund to assist an individual in our community. . .We can help anyone, regardless of their religious background. If you have any questions regarding the Tootsie Roll Drive or the State Charity fund, please contact either Ken Gustin or Bob Timmerman

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## **ANNUAL DUES**

Financial Secretary Bob Mullen informs us that dues notices for 2021 will be going out later this month. This year, more than ever, we will rely on our dues to help us to continue our works of charity. Your prompt payment is appreciated. If there is anyone who, due to the current state of the economy due to the pandemic, cannot afford to pay the \$60.00 annual dues, should confidentially contact Bob Timmerman.

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## **SERVE SAFE TRAINING FOR ALL CHEFS AND HELPERS**

One of the standards that will be required as we go forward and look to being able to meet and dine in our hall will be that those involved in the preparation, cooking and serving of meals will be required to take the online Serve Safe food handling course. Not everyone needs to take this class, those who normally take a lead role in the kitchen really need to. The more who take the class, the better. The course takes about 2 hours online and can be found at [www.servesafe.com](http://www.servesafe.com). It is important that we all follow the guidelines outlined in this course, for the safety of those we serve. This is a great way and an easy one for you to give back to the council. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Timmerman.

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## **TOWN OF NEEDHAM VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE**

On Wednesday, November 11th at 11am sharp, the Town of Needham's annual Veterans Day services will be held at Memorial Park on Highland Ave. If you are able, please consider attending and paying tribute to veterans, both living and deceased.

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