

# NEEDHAM KNIGHTS NEWS

Newsletter for the Needham Knights of Columbus  
Fr. Daniel J. Kennedy Council #1611



July 2022

Dear Brothers,

I hope your summer is off to a relaxing start, filled with opportunities to enjoy your family and friends. As our counsel signs off for the summer break, I would like to thank each of you for your devotion to our mission, your participation in our activities and your commitment to your fellow brothers and our community.

What a year we had! And look at all we accomplished in a fast 10 months! The Fall started with Music Bingo - A music-filled hall of fun to raise money for our scholarship fund Food Drive. Thanksgiving & Christmas featured two overwhelming, heart-felt efforts of support for St. Monica's parish. Two Blood Drives, one in the Fall and one in the Spring were hosts to an outpouring of community commitment to The Dana Farber Brigham & Women's Hospital. Deck The Halls was our first annual Christmas open house for 1611. Families brought joy and good cheer to all! The Winter brought our Super Bowl Party. A fast sellout of squares benefited four deserving seminarians. In the Spring was Music Bingo. This lively & lyrical fundraising effort benefitted St. Joseph's School. Also, in the Spring our tradition of participation continued at St. Mary's Cemetery with Flag Placement on Memorial Day, honoring Brothers who served their country continued with volunteers placing flags, gravesite. Then came our Pack-a-Thon! A focused commitment and coordination with volunteers throughout our community produced over 150,000 meals for families in Haiti. Friendship Dinner later in the Spring was an evening of support for our District Deputy, Jimmy McLoughlin which was well-attended and enjoyed by all. Finally, our Academic Scholarships benefited three deserving graduating seniors who received financial accolades from our counsel. Our last meeting included both students and their families to deliver their awards, celebrate their successes and send them off to college with the support and blessing of our 1611 family. Our End of Year BBQ was our first annual family event to celebrate the year and welcome in the summer. It was well attended and filled with grilled delights and pot-luck sides from families.

Our newly installed Counsel Officers for the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year include:

Grand Knight	William C Kent
Deputy Grand Knight	Gregory M Tilley
Warden	Philip J Bonasia
Treasurer	Ronald E Hadley
Recorder	Ryan E Sullivan
Advocate	Michael K Gillis
Chancellor	John J Kent
Inside Guard	Paul C Whyte
Outside Guard	James F Malzone

Committee Directors & Trustees

Membership Director:	Robert T Timmerman
Communications Director:	Kenneth Gustin
Trustee First Year (Three Year Term)	Mario A Clavell Jr.
Trustee Second Year (Two Year Term)	Timothy M Harrigan
Trustee Third Year (One Year Term)	Paul J Deeley

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to every member of our counsel. Our success comes from your passion and commitment. Our fraternal brotherhood is steeped in the sharing of our diverse expertise, talents and experiences. We make a difference in our community because we do it together. It was an honor to serve as your Grand Knight this past year and I look forward to the year to come. I will see you all in September!

Be well.

Vivat Jesus,

Chris Kent  
Grand Knight