

NEEDHAM KNIGHTS NEWS

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



April 2022

Dear Brothers,

Our Lenten season began last month on Ash Wednesday. The holy season of Lent is an important journey of our faith, rich with prayer and a time to refresh and reset for a new season. As our Council joins together during this season of spiritual celebration, may we continue to keep each other, our loved ones and our neighbors in our prayers and take a moment to give thanks for our Council's accomplishments and the positive impact they have in our community.

Our Council is staying as busy as ever and I'm thrilled to report our recent blood drive was a tremendous success. Our brothers James Lawrence Archer, Greg Tilley and Jim Malzone worked tirelessly and collaboratively to help meet the need of the Dana Farber Brigham & Women's Hospital with a 33-pint donation. On behalf of the entire Council, thank you for your impressive effort! You've set the bar high for our Fall drive!

On Friday March 4th, the Council held a virtual music bingo hosted by Mike "Sarge" Riley. We had an energetic attendee group, including a beautiful group of young attendees swaying, singing and bebopping across our Zoom screens! That young energy kept us all moving and grooving while we filled in our cards. I am happy to share that our time together has allowed us to deliver a donation to St. Joseph's School, continuing our commitment to its mission and educational vision. Congratulations to our big bingo winners and a heart-felt thank all who helped make the night a success.

I hope everyone has a happy and joyous Holy Easter Weekend.

Vivat Jesus
Chris Kent
Grand Knight

OUR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Please join us on Wednesday, April 6th at 6.00 pm with dinner, followed by the Rosary at 7.00pm and our business meeting at 7.30pm. Thank you Jim Malzone for volunteering to prepare a delicious Italian meal for us! We will be welcoming a group of local seminarians to join us this month. I hope to see you there.

ANNUAL RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets for our 2022 Annual Raffle to benefit the Mass State Council Knights of Columbus will be available before and after our Council meeting. Please help support our Mass State Council. A ticket book is \$15.00.

LENTEN HOLY HOUR

Every Thursday during Lent there will be a Holy Hour from 7:00 -8:00 PM in the upper church at St. Joseph's parish. All are encouraged to attend to help deepen your Lenten observance.

THE LANTERN AWARD DINNER

The Lantern Award Dinner will be held on April 18th at 5:30 PM at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel and Conference center. The Lantern Award was founded as an appropriate way to honor those who reflected the religious and patriotic ideals of the Founding Fathers. It was named for the Lanterns placed in the tower of the Old North Church in Boston to signal the means of the arrival of invading British forces for Paul Revere. The award, given by the Massachusetts State Council is presented annually at the Patriot's Day Dinner, which has drawn a number of illustrious speakers over the years. This year's recipient is our new Supreme Knight, Patrick E. Kelly. More information can be found here: <http://masskofc.org/lantern-award/2020-lantern-award/> More on this at our council meeting this month.

HAITI PACKATHON

Haiti Pack-a-thon 2022 will be held at our hall on April 30 & May 1. Our goal this year is to exceed 100,000 meals packed and delivered for the good people of Haiti. Details and a link to sign up for a shift of packing can be found on our website at www.needhamkofc.org . More details at Wednesday's council meeting.

ON THE HORIZON

- James McLaughlin's Friendship Dinner – May 7th at our council hall. More details at Wednesday's council meeting.
- Abundant Hope - Crisis Pregnancy Center fund raiser being planned for June timeframe

COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2021 – 2022 FRATERNAL YEAR

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| GRAND KNIGHT | William C. "Chris" Kent |
| DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT | Robert T. Timmerman III |
| WARDEN | Gregory M. Tilley |
| TREASURER | Ronald E. Hadley |
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| CHANCELLOR | John Kent |
| INSIDE GUARD | Paul C. Whyte |
| OUTSIDE GUARD | James F. Malzone |

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