



Needham Knights News

Father Daniel J. Kennedy- Needham Council 1611 March , 2019



*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist,
I place my trust in you!*

Vivat Jesus!

As the Season of Lent progresses, I wish you all the blessings of the season. If you have not yet reflected on the message of repent and renew, there is still time.

Also, as I write we are ready to celebrate St. Joseph Day. Always an important day for me growing up under the educational system of the St. Joseph Congregation. Many of the Sisters had a special devotion to St. Joseph and passed it on to their students. St. Joseph was seldom mentioned in the scriptures, so little is known of him, but we know he supported his family and raised a son through his skill as a carpenter. The Sisters always encouraged us to pray to St. Joseph if we needed help or experienced family problems. I'm passing it on to you, my faithful brothers. He will hear your prayers and give a supportive response. Trust in St. Joseph

March

March was a busy month at the Council.

Our meeting night was Ash Wednesday, so we began with a Lenten style dinner thank to PGK Tom Harkins. Tom is an expert on this type of meal, so we call on Tom for his knowhow in meeting the sacrificial expectations of our faith. Our scheduled speaker was detained and could not make our meeting. But Seamus Mulligan has been rescheduled for April's meeting,

The dinner was very tasty. Thank you Tom and Chris.

We began our meeting with a very special award, the Super Bowl Party GOAT award to PGK Bob Timmerman. Bob was rewarded for his accomplishments over 20 years at our Super Bowl Party entertaining the council and supporting Seminarians. Many thanks Bob. Please enjoy the suitably engraved apron, a gift from your brother knights.



We had many agenda items, but even before the meeting we all had a chance to examine our new chairs. New chairs coupled with a new oven recently; we are very fortunate to be in a position to update our facility. Kudos to Brothers Bob T, Joe Mecagni and so many others, present and past, that have cared for, planned and supported our Hall. It is such a great facility and one we have made much use of this year and many years past. Thanks to all who have been part of this great legacy. Some day Tom Harkins is going to write a history of our hall and council.

The St. Patrick's dinner and dance was record setting this year and many thanks to Paul Whyte and his many helpers, especially Martin Kerrigan, Ted Harrigan and Bob Timmerman, Bottom line, it was record setting in attendance and cash flow. Great support for our Catholic schools.in Needham. Our schools are very successful, well managed and superbly led. Our students deserve the best and we are very happy to provide Knights of Columbus support to the extent we are able. The St. Patrick's Day party is a key element of our participation. Ted Harrigan wrote a beautiful report and I bring it to you in the following.

What a terrific St. Patrick's Day Dinner-Dance last Saturday, March 9! It was the largest turnout, and the most financially successful in at least ten years. And everyone had a ball. A boiled dinner of corned beef, potatoes, turnips, carrots, parsnips and cabbage, once again prepared with practiced skill by Paul Whyte and Martin Kerrigan, and served up with welcome by a group of our smiling ladies. Thanks to the many guests who brought home-

made pastries, trifles and other goodies for dessert. And thanks to many others, Knights and guests, who contributed items for the raffle table. Johnny Kelly and his play-anything-well Irish band provided entertainment and music for dancing, and the O'Dwyer School step dancers delighted all with lighter-than air footwork.

A special tip of the hat to Paul Whyte, Martin Kerrigan and Bob Timmerman. For yet another year each of these Brother Knights put in several full days of planning, hall setup, food purchase and preparation, decoration, takedown and cleanup. The Council and St. Joe's schools owe them a great debt of gratitude. Thanks also to other Knights and friends who pitched in to help: Peter Meade, Jude Ogbemor, Ken Gustin, Rob Timmerman, Paul Deeley, Tom Harkins, Chris Kent, Brian Rose, Bill Topham, Bob Devine, Bob Payer, Ted Harrigan. Not least the gals who served all the guests: Celine Kerrigan, Maureen Flaherty, Betsy Harrigan, Lee Kent, Ginny Topham, and Jean Mullen. Hope I've missed no one.

The ticket price was \$30 per person, same as last year. We had 137 paid guests, plus five clergy: Fr. David Michael, Fr. Derek Borek, Fr. Peter Stamm, and Fr. John McLaughlin.

Thanks Ted for all your help.

I will be emailing separately to invite you to come to the coffee hour at St. Joseph Parish after the 9:30 Mass on Sunday March 24. Chris Kent and Bill Dermody will be providing service to the parish at the coffee. It would be great if some of our members could attend and get to know some of the men that attend regularly. I will be there with some fliers for the Craft Beer tasting. This is a very proactive way to encourage new members and we need a boost for this fraternal year.

On Saturday, March 23, a group of brothers under the leadership of Dan Brennan will serve 185 people at Fr. Bills shelter in Quincy. Thanks to all participants. This shows great brotherhood to the less fortunate and a key component of our Knights of Columbus values.

We had a good celebration of birthdays and Irish songs today at Briarwood. We had quite a few residents with March birthdays to celebrate with and then moved into Irish songs for St Patrick's Day. Present to sing were:

Bill Whitney
Bob Mullen
Ted Harrigan
Jim Tierney
Bill Dermody
Bill Meisner
Marty Cunniffe
And Margaret Pobywylo, our pianist

Next month we go A WEEK EARLY ON April 13.

Happy Spring
Marty Cunniffe

Thank you Marty and thanks to all so faithful to this ministry

We will be honored on Sunday March 24 to host the second and third degree of our order at our Hall. This is a first over many years. Many thanks to DD Brian Choate for choosing our council to host the degrees. We look forward to welcoming the degree team and neighboring council members to our Hall

I urge all our members who have not taken the second and third degree to join us on Sunday and benefit from this opportunity.

Contact Ron Hadley if you are planning on coming.

April

The April meeting will be on April 4. We look forward to a great turnout, as our chef of the evening will be the incomparable Italian Family Cuisine chef, Jimmy Malzone. Jimmy will feature a Malzone family favorite dish you won't find anywhere else. Should be a sellout. Our speaker will be Seamus Mulligan, presenter on WROL and chair of the Irish Cultural Center. Some may sense a cultural conflict, but truth to tell, St. Patrick was from a prominent Italian family so there will be a convergence of cultures at our April meeting. Stated another way, there is something for everyone. We learned recently that St. Patrick is the Patron saint of Nigeria, so we can also celebrate with our Nigerian brothers. It will be international night, so come out and have some fun and a great evening.

This month we will show two movies in our hall for Lenten reflection. These are presented in a joint project of the St Joseph and St Barts Evangelization committees and the Fr, Daniel Kennedy council. We hope for a good showing of our membership. The

movies will be shown Tuesday, March 19 and Tuesday, April 2, both at 7:30 PM. Details in the parish bulletins.

Great work by brother Ken Gustin. Thanks Ken

May

In May our calendar will start with a couple of events.

On Friday, May 3, we will be serving ice cream to the retired priests of the Archdiocese at Regina Cleri. This event will be at 1:00 PM. If you are able to attend, please join us. Its always fun to talk to the men and it will be a great chance to catch up with Fr. McGann who is now resident there. I'm sure he would like to see some of his friends from Needham. If you can make it, please make it known to me, Ted Harrigan or Bob van Sickel, who is chairing the event.

Also on May 3, at 6:30 in the evening, we will have our first Craft Beer Tasting. The event is being chaired by Tom Harkins, a true beer lover.

We will feature Adam Centamore, presenter at the event. Adam is a well know expert on wine, beer, food and cheese.

This should be a great fun evening and a good opportunity to buy a table and bring some friends new to the council. Proceeds will go to Catholic School scholarships.

Order tickets soon.

Also, speaking of tickets, don't forget the state raffle tickets, on sale as we write today. See Ron Hadley, if he doesn't see you first. This is an important project for the operations of the State Council and it is in all our interests to support the State Council and its many positive efforts to promote the Knights of Columbus values.

Charity

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be having their annual fundraising dinner on May 19. Please consider joining Cardinal Sean and the Little Sisters at the 4:30 Mass at the Jean Jugan residence in Somerville and the dinner at 6:00. The Sisters are dedicated to assisting the elderly poor in our communities. Also the residence has space available if anyone is aware of an elderly poor member of the community in need of either skilled nursing or rest home care (assisted living). If you have interest, please contact me at deeleepaulj@gmail.com.

Membership.

Consider inviting prospective members to our upcoming meetings. I'm sure there are many men in our circles that would enjoy the charity, unity and fraternity of our order.

Many thanks to Ron Hadley for his leadership. Keep in mind that new members will help us invigorate and expand our work and continue the great efforts of our council over the years. Invite your family members, neighbors, fellow parishioners to consider membership. It's every member's responsibility to build up our council and

thereby improve our parish life, our faith and our community.

Note that all of our events, with times and other details, are on the council website, www.needhamkofc.org. We also have a facebook page, please connect and like us. Thanks to Ken Gustin for these communication improvements. They will help us in many ways, especially increasing our visibility in the community and gaining new membership.

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As I write we continue with our Lenten observance.. I wish for all a prayerful remembrance of Jesus suffering and death.

Soon, we celebrate Easter, the Season of Hope, where God conquers evil. Blessings and happy Easter to all.

Fraternally,

Paul

Grand Knight