



NEEDHAM KNIGHTS NEWS

Newsletter of the

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My Brother Knights,

As October starts, we say good bye to the warm summer months and welcome in the crisp autumn air. The month of October in the Catholic Church is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Make an effort to pray the Holy Rosary of the Virgin Mary as often as you can. Great things will happen. Our council adopted the practice of praying the Holy Rosary prior to our monthly business meeting, well over 20 years ago. I confess that most often I pray in solitude, but to pray with a group of men is very powerful.

As we move into October and the fall months, our council is shifting into high gear. There are many opportunities to get involved. You can get involved by attending our next business meeting on **Wednesday, October 2nd**. Our executive chef for the night is Phil Lavelle, assisted by Ron Hadley. If you'd like to help, reach out to Ron at ron-had@norwoodlight.com. Dinner is serviced at 6:00 PM, followed by a guest speaker. This month's guest speaker is Kristen Collins of Generic Ministry. Generic Ministry is based in Needham and provides meals and clothing to Boston's Homeless. As it turns out, Kristen has a unique connection to our council and I will let her share that with you. Following our guest speaker, the Holy Rosary will be prayed and the **monthly business meeting will start promptly at 7:30pm**. It is my goal this year to keep the business meeting to one hour.

On October 5th there is a First Responders event at the Needham Village Club. There are opportunities still available to volunteer and show our appreciation to Needham's First Responders for all they do. If you want to volunteer please contact myself or Chancellor Rob Timmerman (robtimmer18@yahoo.com). The weekend of October 5th and 6th there is a Ministry Fair at Saint Bartholomew's following all the Masses. We have been invited to set up a table and distribute information about the Knights of Columbus and hopefully recruit some new members. Please contact Membership director Ken Gustin (kengustin100@gmail.com) or myself if you can help us man the table and share with the attendees the great works that we do. Masses are on Saturday at 4 and Sunday 8am, 9:45am and 11:30am.

October is also the month when we start our annual Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit physically and mentally challenged children. Last year, our council was in the top 20 in the state for raising funds. All money collected goes to the Massachusetts State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Fund. We can make applications to this fund to assist those with physical or mental handicaps. If you know of a child in need, please let me know and we can review the charity fund guidelines to see if the need is something we can help with. In years past we have received grants for a wheelchair ramp, specialized wheelchairs, hearing aids and adaptive learning equipment. It would be great if this year we could return some of the money we have collected back to our community. Our chairs for this year's Tootsie Roll Drive are Tom Fern and Ken Gustin and they will provide us with details about when we will be collecting.

We announced at the September meeting that we are partnering with the Saint Joseph and Saint Bartholomew's family on some activities that will help all three of our groups grow and become stronger. The first event that we are co-sponsoring with St. Joseph's Family Ministry is an Oktoberfest on Friday October 18th at our hall. The evening will feature music, dance and some German food. While the Family Ministry members will be very active in the decoration and set up for the event, we still need help from the council to set up, cook, serve and clean up. Most importantly we need you to come and have a good time. More information will follow.

One of the ways that we as Knights can become more visible in the community is to avail ourselves of a hat, jacket, shirt, window decal or one of the many other offerings from the official online store of the Knights of Columbus. Consider visiting www.knightsgear.com. They have great quality items emblazoned with the emblem of the order and can be personalized with our council name and number as well.

Finally, several brother Knights attended The Celebration of Priesthood in mid-September at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston. There we were pleased to meet many priests who spent years at St. Joseph Parish including Fr. David Michael, Fr. Peter Stamm, Fr. Guy Sciacca, Fr. Jason Giombetti, Fr. Paul Wargovich, and of course, Monsignor Frank McGann! Monsignor looks great and he was pleased to pose with us for a picture. His spirit and strength, both physical and spiritual, are truly remarkable! Please remember him in your prayers. I can assure you that we are in his.



Below please find additional information on specific works of the council.

My Best to you and your families.

Fraternally,

Bob Timmerman, GK

Chaplain's Message from Fr. Peter Stamm

Throughout the Church, the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Since the recitation of the Rosary forms part of each monthly K of C meeting, October provides us the occasion to renew our appreciation for this simple, familiar, yet powerful tool of Christian meditation. The following promises have traditionally been ascribed to the Blessed Virgin Mary for those who persevere in praying the Rosary:

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive signal graces.
 2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
 3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
 4. It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the heart of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
 5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.
 6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered and never overwhelmed by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death (unprepared for heaven). The sinner shall convert. The just shall grow in grace and become worthy of eternal life.
 7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
 8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
 9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
 10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
 11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.
 12. All those who propagate the holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
 13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
 14. All who recite the Rosary are my sons, and brothers of my only Son Jesus Christ.
 15. Devotion to my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.
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Next Business Meeting

Our next Council Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2nd. **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW STARTING TIMES. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm. The Rosary will start at 7:00pm and the Business Meeting will start promptly at 7:30pm.** Our chef for the evening will be Phil Lavelle, ably assisted by Ron Hadley. If you can help Phil and Ron, please contact Ron at ron-had@norwoodlight.com

New Members

We welcome both John Mulcahey and Michael Dickson to our brotherhood. John received the honors of the first degree on September 13th and Michael on September 29th. We look forward to seeing John and Michael at meetings and events as their time allows.

Membership

One way to increase our presence at church and in the community is to recruit new members. I am grateful to Brother Ken Gustin, who has eagerly accepted the position of Membership Director. While Ken will be our point man, it is the responsibility of ALL member to recruit worthy Catholic men to join our Order. Our membership quota for the fraternal year is 13. Ken will be working with our Field agent Matthew DiCalogero and all of you to have us reach our goal.

Briarwood Report

Brother Marty Cunniffe shares the following from September 21st:

We had a good turnout at Briarwood today. Present were: Dan Brennan, Debra Lovett, Jim Healy, Margaret Pobywajlo on piano, Bob Mullen, John Kostuk, Tom Clancy and myself. Jim Tierney was in the audience. **Next time we go on October 19th at 2pm.**

Happy Birthday

Please join me in wishing these brothers who have birthdays in October all the best in the coming year; Michael Rose 10/12, Matthew Kent 10/13, Colin Coleman 10/14, Tom Walsh 10/15, Art White 10/23, Richard Antonellis 10/24, Ed Doherty Jr. 10/24, John Kent 10/28, Mark Riley 10/28 and Richard Sullivan 10/28.

Catholic Men's Prayer and Discussion Group

All Catholic Men (not just members of our Council) are invited to meet on the first Saturday of the month at 6:30am for fellowship, song, scripture, reflection and robust discussion. For more information contact Ted Harrigan at timothyharrigan@verizon.net **Next Meeting Saturday 10/5**

American University Women for Life

meet at our hall on the first Thursday of the month beginning at 7:30 pm. They have informative speaking program as part of their meetings. This month's topic is **COUNSELING FOR LIFE!** *The speakers are Christine Carr, Janet Kent* (wife of brother John Kent) **and Catherine Roman.** Christine Carr, M.Ed., is Executive Director and Co-founder of Pregnancy Family Services. She has been counseling women in crisis pregnancies for over twenty years and will tell you how a dream to help preserve our best natural resource, children, can come true. Janet Kent is a board member of Abundant Hope, a pregnancy resource center in Attelboro. Abundant Hope offers women and men in an unplanned pregnancy a true alternative to abortion. Janet has co-chaired the annual fundraising, tripling the money raised to help moms and dads choose life. A retired physician, Janet believed in choice until God whispered the truth and steered her to become an advocate for those who cannot speak for themselves. Catherine Roman, who has

a Master of Public Health from Boston University, has been Chairman of Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center since 2013 and serves as Treasurer of Massachusetts Citizens for Life. She is a knowledgeable pro-lifer with a definite goal. All are welcome to attend every month. The October meeting is on **Thursday, October 3rd, 2019 at 7:30pm.**

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