



# Needham Knights News

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*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist,*

*I place my trust in you!*

Dear fellow knights:

Vivat Jesus!

The council voted in a new slate of officers at the June meeting to lead the council for the next fraternal year. Before I announce the names of the generous brothers who have agreed to serve, I would like to stop and reflect that for more than 100 years, the leadership that has preceded us has contributed enormously to our success as a source of charity, unity and fraternity in our parishes and community. With that history, our task is clear; to build upon those achievements and continue the progress of the Daniel J. Kennedy Council as a beacon for men dedicated to our faith, our Church and our community.

I welcome the opportunity to communicate with you directly in this monthly newsletter as so many of my predecessors have in the past. Many thanks for their service.

Your Grand Knight attended the K of C state convention in June and learned many things about the upcoming fraternal year, the priorities, the finances, the membership status, etc. One of the more important messages noted was, "Knights make the world better." I'll go with that and suggest we try to make that our common goal.

Following is a listing of the Officers for the upcoming fraternal year:

Grand Knight	Paul Deeley
Deputy Grand Knight	Ted Harrigan
Chancellor	Ron Hadley
Warden	Ryan Sullivan

Inside Guard	Paul Whyte
Outside Guard	Robby Timmerman
Advocate	Mike Gillis
Chaplain	Fr. Peter Stamm
Trustees	Dan Brennan, Mike Fraini, Tim Kickham
Recorder	John Kent
Treasurer	Tom Fern
Financial Secretary	Bob Mullen

Congratulations to all and thank you for your service.

### **Leadership meeting of our Council**

Early this month the Officers and other interested members met to set a plan for the fraternal year, so we are ready to go in September.

One of the first items on the agenda was a discussion of our priorities for the upcoming year. I believe a consensus was to try to attract new members, new ideas and a renewed commitment to our Council. Not that state and national priorities are not important, but the leadership was supportive that we need a renewed effort to focus on the local.

To that end, we talked about membership drives in the parishes and community and activity assignments, and there will be more on those topics as plans roll forward.

Ted Harrigan shared the results of the annual meeting of Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights sponsored by the State Council and intended to help and support local councils as they develop plans and programs. Interestingly, the State and National preference for new councils is to be parish-based and not independent with real estate facilities, etc. That ship has sailed for Needham Council, but we can respect the intent, through intensifying our involvement in and with our parishes. We will be seeking ways to do so and welcome your suggestions.

A budget committee was established under the leadership of our Treasurer, Tom Fern. Appointed to the Committee are the following:

Tom Fern, Chair, members Paul Deeley GK, Paul Baciagalupo, Bob Timmerman, Ron Hadley, Mario Clavel. Tom will set Committee meetings as needed to achieve a budget by the September meeting.

The leadership group discussed ways of building up the council and one of our goals and priorities will be to attract more members to our monthly meetings. Our goal will be to get at

least 30 members for dinner at our regularly scheduled meetings. The September meeting will feature our very popular volunteer chef, Chris Kent, who has promised to start off the year appropriately. We are also going to try to schedule a speaker at each meeting for 30 to 40 minutes to make it more interesting for our membership. If you can help line up speakers, let me know. It doesn't have to be a celebrity, any interesting and informative person will be welcomed.

Phil Lavelle told me he wasn't comfortable cooking for only 20 people, so we don't want Phil to be disappointed when he volunteers to cook, so please plan to come out and enjoy the fraternity and help us reach our goal of at least 30 diners each month.

### **Weekly Mass and Reconciliation Schedule**

**St. Josephs** - St. Josephs - Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM, Sunday - 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m..  
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m.

**St. Bartholomew**- Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM, Sunday- 8:00, 9:45, & 11:30 am  
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays 3:15-3:45 p.m.

**Mary Immaculate of Lourdes**- Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM, Sunday- 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:30 PM  
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturday 8:30 to 9:00 am and 3:30 to 4:00 pm  
Sunday 11:30 am to 12:30 p.m.

### **Council meetings**

The meetings of the council are the first Wednesday of the month. Dinner is at 6:30 dinner, 7:40 rosary, 8:00 meeting, ending at 9:00. Our dinner hour depends on volunteers. Please let me know what month you are available and let's fill in the calendar of volunteers.

### **Summer**

There will be no meetings scheduled until September. We do hope to open occasionally for a Red Sox game for an evening of socializing. Keep an eye on the emails for announcements.

### **Men's Group**

The Men's Group is ably guided by our own DGK Ted Harrigan. It meets the first Saturday of each month, rain or shine, even on holiday weekends. Ted is there at 6:30 am, to set up "coffee and crumpets". The group officially starts its meeting at 7:00 am and ends promptly at 8:00 am allowing plenty of time to get to the First Saturday mass at St. Joseph's should you wish to attend. During the hour, the meeting is centered on a robust discussion of the Sunday mass readings and how the readings affect our daily lives as Catholics. The group is not limited to just members of the council. You need to be there to really understand what a wonderful group this is, so try it out. You will not be disappointed.

The Men's Group meetings are as follows:

August 5, 2017

## **Briarwood**

Come join us as the council continues one of its most important community events. All are welcome to this event that is so special to the residents at Briarwood. The event is the third Saturday of each month. All are welcome. In my experience, no resident has complained about the sound. Thank you to Marty Cunniffe and all the other Knights and their guests who brighten up the spirits of the Briarwood community each month. The report for July has been recently forwarded and it was a fun afternoon with a nice representation of our membership. Upcoming dates are as follows:

August 19, 2017

Marty will not be available in August and Mario Clavell has generously stepped up to substitute.

Many thanks for the confidence shown in me and my fellow officers. We have begun to plan for the year and hope to meet all of our priorities of charity, unity and fraternity.

Vivat Jesus!

Paul Deeley, Grand Knight