



# 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 Brother Knights:

Vivat Jesus!

Happy Easter all. As Catholics, the Easter season is our time to exult in the joys of our faith and saving message of the risen Christ. Further we are close to May, the month of honor for the Blessed Mother in whom we place great trust.

## **Pro Life**

A delegation of our membership had the honor and pleasure of attending the Annual Lantern Award Dinner on Patriots Day. The event shows the K of C at its best. The state officers and staff make an extra effort to honor the past and plan the future.

There is a connection to Church leadership and Patriotic themes, as well, to advance the Order's mission. This was very evident in this year's program which called for renewed efforts to defeat the abortion bills under consideration by the Massachusetts legislature. We were all encouraged to speak to our representatives and use our influence to defeat these extreme positions. And I want to add my voice to the call for pro-life positions and ask each of you to do the same. Following is the opening paragraph of Cardinal O'Malley's statement on the subject.

Our Commonwealth is facing an issue that holds significant moral implications for all citizens. At this time there are two bills (HB 3320 and SB 1209) proposed in the Massachusetts legislature which have extreme consequences for the protection of life. These bills have been described as a means of protecting the provisions of the Supreme Court's 1973 decision in

Roe v. Wade, but they go far beyond that decision and take us in dangerous [directions](#). The bills are threatening to human life and dignity and should, in my judgement, be opposed even by those who support the Roe v. Wade decision.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley OFM Cap

## **April**

The April meeting of our council was a great success. Jimmy Malzone did a great job cooking for the members. There were a lot of well fed brothers enjoying the taste of home recipes for lasagna.

Seamus Mulligan gave a great talk on Fr. Peyton, the rosary priest. Fr. Peyton was a Holy Cross Father. His cause for sainthood was opened in 2001. He is buried at Stonehill College. There are many parallels between Frs. Peyton and McGivney. Seamus also commented on Irish history culture and the state of the faith in Ireland. He was a great guest and he promised to let us know of some upcoming events of the Holy Cross Fathers.

At our formal meeting Ron Hadley presented a candidate for entrance to our order. Christopher Nichols was approved for membership. Welcome Christopher. Thanks for Ron's leadership. Late in March, Ron led a second and third degree ceremony in our hall. It was an honor to have the state officers and degree team at our hall. Welcome to all new members this year. We are happy to have you on board. I invite you to become active in our council by joining in our projects or starting new projects. There are many ways to live the values of the Knights of Columbus.

To members new and old, we can all invite our neighbors, friends, family members, fellow parishioners to join our council. There are many that will join us if they receive an invitation from someone they know. So let's keep Ron busy as membership chair bringing in some new members each month. We will all enjoy the fraternity and friendship.

Our report on the St. Patrick's Day dinner was excellent. Great job by all and especially the leadership of Paul Whyte, Martin Kerrigan and Ted Harrigan and all who helped make the evening a success. The proceeds benefit the local Catholic schools. We want to be sure we show support and help and preserve this capability in our community. Catholic education is essential to preserving the faith in our community and providing values to society at large.

We hosted two great movie nights as part of our Lenten observance. This was an activity coordinated with the evangelical committees of our two parishes. Attendance was good and both movies were excellent and those that participated enjoyed the evening. Thanks to Ken Gustin for his leadership.

The Council hosted donuts and coffee after the 9:30 Mass at St. Joseph during March. It was an opportunity to connect to the younger folks that attend the family Mass. Many thanks to Chris Kent and Bill Dermody and to all the brothers that attended and made connections with the attendees.

The Scholarship committee is actively seeking rising high school seniors to participate in our scholarship program. Two will be awarded. The deadline is May 4 for completed applications.

We will host the two selected students and their families at our June meeting. Applications are available on our website and I encourage as many as possible to apply.

Because of Easter, the Briarwood gathering, a signature event in our calendar, has already occurred for April. Following is a message from brother Marty Cuniffe. Thank you Marty for your faithfulness to this ministry.

We had a good turnout at Briarwood today considering it was an odd day. Present were:

Margaret Pobywajlo  
Bill Parks  
Dan Brennan  
Paul Bacigalupo  
Bob Mullins  
Bill Meisner  
Ted Harrigan  
Marty Cuniffe

Next month we go on May 18th.

Happy Easter.

Marty C

## **May**

Our May meeting will be on May 1. We have a great dinner planned through the volunteer efforts of Bob Van Sickle. We will have many subjects to discuss, so please join us.

On May 3, Friday at 1:00 PM, we will be meeting at Regina Cleri, the retirement home for priests of the Archdiocese. We will be providing ice cream dessert for the priests in residence. It will be a great opportunity to talk baseball or other subjects with priests. One of our own, Fr. McGann is in residence, so a visit will be doubly meaningful. Please join us with a big turnout if you can schedule it. It's always fun to talk to the men and get their take on events past and present. Please let Bob Van Sickle or Ted Harrigan know of your participation.

That same evening, Friday May 3, we are sponsoring a craft beer tasting at 6:30 at our hall. Adam Centamore, renowned expert on beer, wine and food pairings will present a menu of local craft beers, with an appropriate food pairing for each. Admission is \$ 35.00 and the beneficiary will be our Scholarship fund. Please let Tom Harkins know if you will be present. Tickets are available only through advance sale. Tom is available at [tommihark@gmail.com](mailto:tommihark@gmail.com) or call him at 781 400-6838. We need a big turnout for this event so we can provide some local scholarships for our local school students. Its fine to support Northwestern and Holy Cross, but some help for students at our Needham Catholic schools will also be welcomed. Please help us. Buy a table

and bring your friends and family. It will be a fun night with some new beers to try. You will be helping our local schools as well.

Don't forget the men's discussion group on Saturday, May 4. Thanks to DGK Ted Harrigan for his leadership. All are encouraged to join on the first Saturday of each month. It's a great chance to discuss spiritual topics with fellow men from the community. Starts nice and early, 7:00 AM.

Also during the month we formed a nominating committee for leadership nominees for next fraternal year. Chaired by DGK Ted Harrigan, members include Dan Brennan, Ken Gustin and Ryan Sullivan. The committee will present a slate of nominees to the council at our May meeting and there will be votes in May and June. If you wish to serve in a leadership role, please contact Ted or one of the members of the Committee. Thanks to the committee members for their service.

On May 13, there will be a celebration for the Blessed Mother and our council at St. Joseph's Church at the 9:30 Mass. I request all brothers to attend and participate as a group in the ceremony. We will have the traditional crowning of the Blessed Mother by the first communicant class. Normally the Knights carry the statue, but Chair Ted Harrigan is promoting a new feature. We plan to encourage fathers of the communicants to step up and volunteer to carry the statue. Our role will be to march in the procession and attend mass as a group. I ask all to attend. Even if you normally go to another Mass, please adjust your schedule on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Also if you regularly attend Mass at St. Barts, adjust the schedule on this one day so we have a great turnout. This is our opportunity to demonstrate our visibility to the larger community and give St. Joseph fathers and other men a reason to consider membership. Please make an extra effort for our council and the Blessed Mother, in whom we place trust and confidence. Also, the crowning of Mary is such a great retro celebration. It brings back great memories.

During May, we hope to have another public rosary at the Korean War statue on Memorial Field. Please keep your eyes open for information on time and date. The purpose is to focus our prayers on the hope for a peaceful resolution in Korea. It seems as though peace may be within reach and is worthy of our efforts to help achieve a breakthrough.

## **June**

The June meeting will feature our scholarship program participants. The winners of the scholarships will be invited with their parents to our dinner meeting/. Our guest speaker will be Vaughn Williams, Associate Athletic Director at Boston College and a Needham resident (on request), Chris Kent will be our volunteer chef. Should be a great fun meeting, delicious dinner and the final meeting before summer break, so please try to be present. Great work by Bill Dermody and the committee to get the College Scholarship program up and running.



### **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, membership chair, for his leadership.

Note that all of our events, with times and other details, are on the council website, [www.needhamkofc.org](http://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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I wish you all a glorious Easter. This year we had a late winter, so it seems that spring finally arrived. Let's enjoy the season and the beautiful story of Easter and Jesus' victory over sin and death.

Fraternally,

Paul

Grand Knight