

# January 2021 Newsletter



**Saints Peter and Paul Council 1369  
Naperville, Illinois  
[www.napervillekofc.org](http://www.napervillekofc.org)**

## **Our Mission**

We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that is what Knights do every day.

## **Our Faith**

Our goal is to help men, their families and their parishes grow closer to Christ. Through our programs and resources, we provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic Faith.

## **Our History**

Service and charity are at the heart of the Knights. Founded to meet the needs of immigrants, refugees and families suffering the loss of a bread-winner, the Knights began as a small service organization and has grown into a world-wide financial and charitable organization.

## **Messages from the Grand Knight**

Happy New Year Everyone! It is the year 2021 which means that the year 2020 is finally behind us. And what a year it was. I would like to send my condolences to all of Knights and their families who have lost loved ones this past year especially those that have passed due to Covid-19. Let us remember them in our prayers and also pray for peace and prosperity in the upcoming year not to mention the yearning all of us have to get our lives back to normal as we know it.

I have been notified by Supreme that they have made some modifications to our Business / Council Meeting Agenda. This was done mostly in an effort to keep the meeting within the time frame of an hour. I have attached a copy hereto. In addition and in order to provide time for the items that were removed from the Council Meeting Agenda, Supreme has added another monthly meeting called the Officer's Planning Meeting. I have also attached their suggested

agenda for that meeting. Please review this information and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Our Financial Secretary and I have had some recent discussions regarding our Council's financial status. Our Council has not been able to hold any fund raisers since last March and therefore our funds have been dwindling. That being said, I think it would be very beneficial for us to sell Football Mania tickets for the Super Bowl this year. We need a couple of Brother Knights to be in charge of this event.

## **Recent Council Happenings**

### **Food Drive Summary**

Well, we did not know really what to expect, but we were quite pleased with the end result. On behalf of our Council, I would like to thank everyone who donated food and / or monetary gifts. We were able to provide Loaves & Fishes Community Services with 1750 pounds of food and a monetary donation of \$678.00. I would also like to thank the Knights who volunteered to help out with this event. They are as follows: Michael Gach, Guy Maras, Dave Parta, George McConaghy, Tom Wronski, Larry Pociask, Jim McCluskey, Al Knoeck, John Hutton, Michael Domagola and Steve Urhausen. It was refreshing for us to get back out into our Parish Community again. See attached Thank You Letter from Loaves & Fishes Community Services.

### **Intellectual Disability Drive Distribution Summary**

As a result of the efforts of the Committee Chair, Rodger Guebert, we were able to collect \$2,727.79 this year which is a far cry from the \$9,000.00 we collected last year. We chose not to collect on the streets and at the stores this year due to the pandemic. After covering our expenses for the Tootsie Rolls and having to send 10.0% of it to Supreme, we have a mere total of \$2,357.51 for distribution. The committee has decided to distribute the funds as follows: \$400.00 each to Special Olympics, Western DuPage Special Recreation Association, Special Camps for Special Citizens and Misericordia Heart of Mercy; \$250.00 each to Little Friends and All Saints Academy Special Education Fund; and \$257.51 to NCUSD 203 Connections Program. Thank you Rodger for a job well done!

## **Donations, Donations...**

- **Vocation Raffle Tickets – LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE TICKETS**

By now you should have all received your raffle books via mail. Our council seminarian fund benefits \$9.00 from each book that is purchased. Due to the COVID-19 resurgence, the raffle has been extended to January 10, 2021. You still have time to purchase more raffle tickets through January 10th. Contact Al Knoeck at 630-272-7592

- **Mundelein Seminary**

The Mundelein Seminary of Illinois is asking our Council to consider a \$500.00 minimum donation or whatever we are able to give. Details can be found on the attached letter.

- **Aluminum Can Collection**

Our aluminum can collection is ongoing. Please drop them off next to the cage in the KC Hall parking lot. The funds from this endeavor continue to support our seminarians. Thank you to Al Knoeck and Larry Pociask for helping out to keep this going.

- **Diaper Drive**

It's time again to donate to the Knight's fall Diaper drive. We currently have over 900 diapers donated. Bring your donation to our monthly Rosary, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in front of Planned Parenthood or drop off at John Zabinski's house at 1755 Chadwicke Circle, Naperville or call John at 630-747-8439. The goal is 2000 or more to fill up my car and make a visit to our State Council couple Larry and Marge Theriault's house to drop off our donations. Please bring Pampers, Huggies, wipes or cash to donate. Help us to achieve our goal. It is OK if we go over. We may need to add a second car to form a diaper caravan. I will not make the trip until we get to 2000.

### Open Council Positions

We have a number of open positions that are available. Presently, most of these positions are being held by Brother Knights that are already officers have other positions in the council. It would be advantageous to our Council to have these other positions transferred to other Knights. Here is a list of positions that are open:

- Community Director
- Faith Director
- Family Director
- Fourth Degree Captain
- Insurance Promoter
- Third Year Trustee

Our Council really needs some of our newer Brother Knights to step up not only for these positions but also to volunteer and / or chair some of our events. Please see Larry Pociask with any questions. The Third Year Trustee is an elected position. Historically, this position is held by a Past Grand Knight.

### Upcoming January Events

A.) **Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM – ZOOM Council Meeting**

B.) **Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – Rosary at Planned Parenthood**  
Contact John Zabinski at 630-747-8439 for details.

C.) **Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM – Officer's Planning Meeting**

Discussion Items: Yearly Budget; Third Year Trustee Position; Kay Cee Hall

All are welcomed to attend. If you are planning on attending, please let me know. It will be likely be another ZOOM Meeting.

## **A Message from the President of the Kay Cee Club**

Kay Cee Club is a unique organization that was formed in 1958 as a domestic, not-for-profit corporation for the specific purpose of owning and managing our real estate. All dues paying members of Council #1369 are voting members of Kay Cee Club. Many years ago Kay Cee Club owned a club house in downtown Naperville near Main St. and Van Buren that included a bar, kitchen, and meeting space for up to perhaps 65. Back then the Knights of Columbus was a major gathering place for socializing for Brother Knights and their families. The bar was open to the public a couple nights a week. Lots of dining, beer drinking, card playing, raffles, etc. were the fun of the day. That's how people socialized. Today's world is entirely different. When our Ogden Ave property was acquired in 1993 the Council officers expected the socializing dynamics of that time to continue but things were never the same. Over time there has been an ever-decreasing number of fraternal gatherings to the point that these days, even before the pandemic, there are virtually none. The building has been remarkably maintenance free (or delayed) but issues with such an old building will inevitably arise. All such costs, major or minor, are funded by the Council, and significant fundraisers are becoming more difficult. Perhaps it's time to consider alternatives? We would much appreciate your thoughts on this matter. Please contact Al Knoeck or Larry Pociask with your ideas or suggestions. A committee will likely be formed once a decision is made on the Kay Cee Club's direction.

*If you have questions regarding this newsletter or any other Council issues, please feel free to contact Grand Knight Larry Pociask at 630-303-6137 or [lcp3246@yahoo.com](mailto:lcp3246@yahoo.com). For information about membership, please contact Nick Thompson at 815-871-4218 or [nthompson49@gmail.com](mailto:nthompson49@gmail.com)*

# Appendix B:

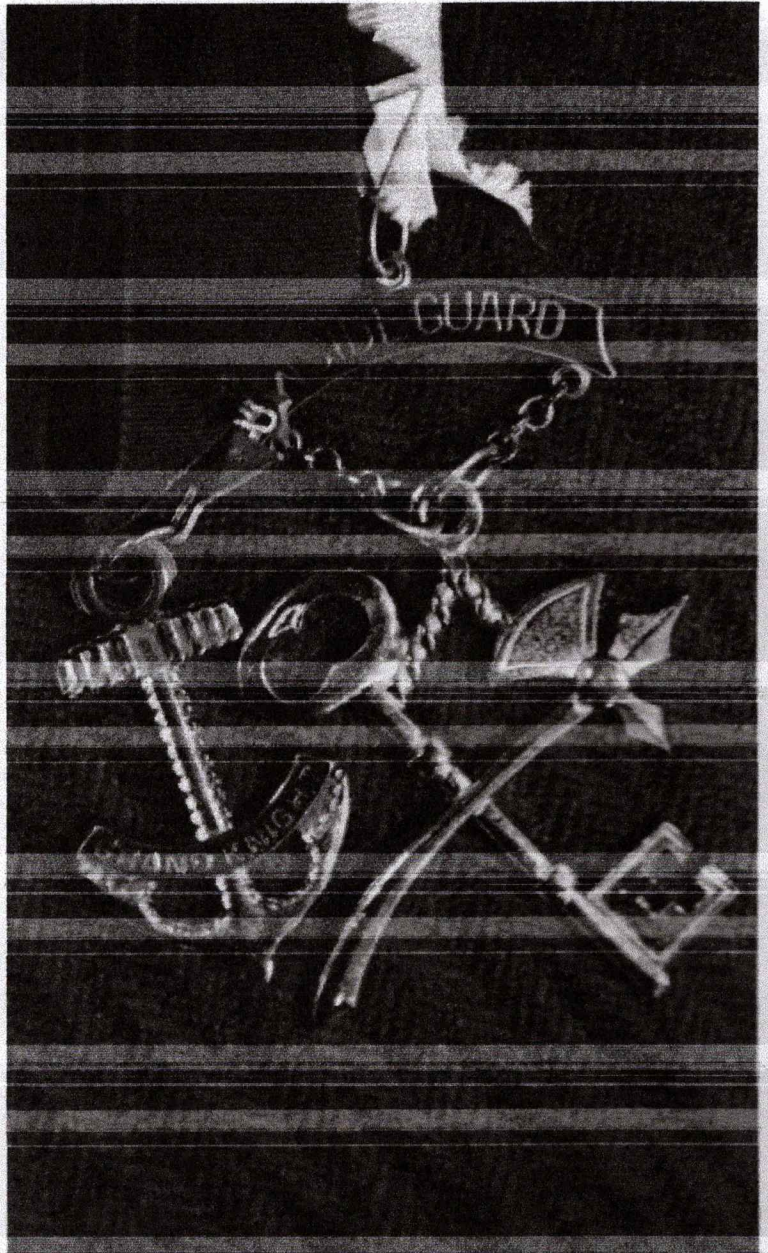
## Council Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance (USA) or Patriotic Display of Loyalty
4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
5. Chaplain's Message
6. Grand Knight's Report
7. Financial Report
8. Membership Report
  - Balloting of Candidates for Admission or Transfer
9. Other Reports
  - Programs
  - Committees
  - Fourth Degree
  - Insurance Agent
  - District Deputy
  - Other
10. Unfinished Business (*motions carried over from previous meetings*)
11. New Business (*new motions*)
  - Bills Not Previously Approved
12. Good of the Order
  - Awards (*Family and Knight of the Month, etc.*)
13. Lecturer's Reflection (*optional*)
14. Grand Knight's Summary
15. Closing Prayer (*including intentions for sick or distressed members*): Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney or Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney
16. Adjournment

# Appendix F:

## Officers' Planning Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Grand Knight's Report
  - Overview of Council Issues
  - Review Correspondence
  - Review Schedule
  - Agenda for Next Council Meeting
  - Unfinished Business
  - New Business
3. Officers' Reports
  - Chaplain
  - Deputy Grand Knight
  - Chancellor
  - Recorder
    - Minutes
  - Financial Secretary
    - Council Standing
    - Reports
    - Receipts
    - Bills
    - Supplies
  - Treasurer
    - Accounts Status
  - Lecturer
    - Proposed Reflections
  - Advocate
  - Warden
    - Equipment
  - Trustees
    - Audits
  - Others as Needed
4. Membership Report
  - Candidates
  - Exemplifications
5. Program Reports
  - Faith
  - Family
  - Community
  - Life
  - Committees
  - New ideas from members in attendance
6. Good of the Order
  - Prayers for Members
  - Upcoming awards for members, other
7. Closing Prayer (Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney or Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney)





# Loaves & Fishes

Community Services

Monday, December 07, 2020

Larry Pociask  
SSPP Naperville Knights of Columbus Council 1369

Dear Larry,

We want to sincerely thank Saints Peter and Paul Knights of Columbus Council 1369 for collecting food on our behalf. Through the generosity of SSPP KoC team members, we received 1750 lbs. of food to distribute to our client families. Thank you very much! With your assistance, we can advance our mission to provide more low-income individuals with essential services, such as this client who wrote:

**"I want to thank you so very much for helping me. Without your kindness, it would have been impossible for me to be out on my own. This is a true gift."**  
*Loaves & Fishes Client*

The team at SSPP KoC has made a difference in this family's life and in the lives of over 5,000 families. Thank you, from Loaves & Fishes and from your neighbors, for your support.

Sincerely,

*Cary Gilkey*  
Cary Gilkey  
Vice President of Operations

*You folks Rock!!!*  
*THANK YOU*

*Nancy*  
Nancy Wiersum  
Vice President of Advancement

*Larry - Thank you so much for this incredible donation!*

Loaves & Fishes is a charitable tax exempt entity under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. As required by IRS rules, Loaves & Fishes affirms that no goods or services were received in exchange for this gift.



## MUNDELEIN SEMINARY

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December 7, 2020

Mr. Larry Pociask, Grand Knight  
Knights of Columbus Council #1369  
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Dear Mr. Pociask,

First, let me congratulate you on the beatification of Fr. Michael McGivney on October 31, 2020. Blessed Father McGivney is a heroic example to our seminarians of a priest who led a life of service and brought others closer to Jesus through his ministry. I will join your voices in prayer for his canonization. The Illinois State Council of the Knights of Columbus has been most generous to our seminarians, giving both their prayers and financial support to our mission to form parish priests. Our mission is to provide the best education for our future priests who will continue to lead our parishes along with being active in their local parish Knights of Columbus Councils. However, this has been an exceptional year due to the pandemic, which has impacted our operational revenues while increasing our costs in providing a safer learning environment for our seminarians and staff. That is why I am asking your Council to consider making an additional gift to Mundelein Seminary to support seminarian education and formation costs.

***Our Seminarians have said "Yes" to discern God's call to serve the Church and its people.  
Will you say "Yes" to helping form the next generation of Church leaders  
with a gift at this crucial time?***

Despite the pandemic, Mundelein Seminary was fortunate to have seminarians safely return to campus to begin a new academic year. With tremendous effort by caring staff, 138 seminarians from 30 dioceses are able to continue their priestly formation, led by faculty who are recognized leaders in their fields. Priests ordained from Mundelein Seminary have become versatile leaders of our Church, and we are blessed to have had 46 alumni appointed as bishops and cardinals throughout the United States over the past 100 years.

Support from your Council during this economically difficult and challenging year would make an invaluable contribution to the future of the Church. As it has for so many, the pandemic's impact has been significant to Mundelein Seminary. We have experienced lower enrollment for

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our Institutes and our seminary. There are unforeseen and substantial expenses to ensure a safe environment for seminarians and faculty, but by taking on these additional expenses, our seminarians are on campus and learning in person, where they belong.

One unexpected but necessary cost was an investment in our technology. Our Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program allows our seminarians to practice pastoral care in a clinical setting while developing critical skills that will serve them throughout their ministries. They grow in empathy as they learn how to connect with others who are sick and suffering. However, many CPE programs were canceled or postponed when COVID-19 struck. By upgrading our technology, we were able to supply a full-time and immersive learning experience using distance learning. Rather than delaying this formative experience, our men practiced their skills using online tools that have become ubiquitous during the pandemic.

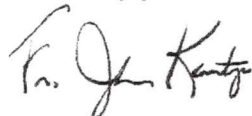
The revenue from our Conference Center has also been negatively impacted. The Conference Center has suffered \$2 million in cancellations since its initial closure on March 13. This significant profit shortfall has removed from our budget over \$1 million of annual support for the formation of seminarians. This year, our seminary is facing an unprecedented and overwhelming financial shortfall.

**To meet this need, we are putting our faith in God's Providence and appealing to the generosity of your Council. Your contribution for seminarian formation and education assistance ensures that the Church will be served into the future by well-formed parish priests.**

I ask you to consider my request prayerfully to make a minimum donation of \$500; however, any donation would be appreciated. If you are able to say "Yes," please return the enclosed envelope with your donation or visit <https://usml.edu/kofc> to make an online gift. If you have questions or thoughts you would like to share, please feel free to reach out to me at 847-970-4801. You may also contact Sydney Prochazka, Philanthropy Advisor, at 847-561-9379 or [sprochazka@usml.edu](mailto:sprochazka@usml.edu).

May God bless you and your loved ones and keep you safe as we journey together into the new year!

Gratefully yours in Christ,



Father John Kartje  
Rector/President



Dan Love  
Financial Secretary/Past Grand Knight  
Cardinal Stritch Council 3674