

# February 2021 Newsletter



**Saints Peter and Paul Council 1369  
Naperville, Illinois  
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## **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.

## **Message from the Grand Knight**

Our nation is unfortunately headed in a direction where our rights are being minimized and even compromised. This mostly includes the right of free speech.

We, as the Knights of Columbus, have been the proponents of the unborn and for life from conception to natural death and we must continue to do so. The Right to Life matters to us. However, being born into a world that includes infringements on their rights would be detrimental to them.

The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree is the Degree of Patriotism. The Patriotism Degree has a program entitled "Serving Those Who Served". The philosophy behind this program is, "The men and women of the armed forces didn't let our nation down on the battlefield and the Knights of Columbus will not let these veterans down now". Furthermore, the armed services military oath is to "Support and defend the Constitution of the United States... and bear true allegiance to the same". We owe a debt of gratitude to our military personnel and should follow their example to defend these rights not only as citizens but also as Knights.

The Knights need to follow in the footsteps of our forefathers and armed forces. These minimized rights of free speech will soon have a trickle- down effect and be among us and our communities before you know it. We must be vigilant and not cave in. We need to stand up for our rights.

Let me provide a couple of examples of some recent legislative changes. They are as follows.

Would you prefer that our school age children learn the truth about American History? Well, I certainly would, but it's too late. The 1776 Commission was recently rescinded in favor of the 1619 Project.

Would you prefer that athletes play their sports in keeping with their own biological gender? Well I certainly would for the sake of all of the female athletes, but it's too late for that as well. A law was recently enacted that allows transgender biological males to compete against biological females.

I hope that most of you reading this are already informed of these. If not, I hope that you are now. With that in mind, I am proposing that this newsletter include a section that highlights upcoming legislation in our schools, community, county, state and nation especially those that affect the most important unit of our society – The Family Unit. This might be best accomplished if a couple of Knights take this on and collaborate with our four Directors. Some of these matters may instill further discussion at our meetings and / or social gatherings and also prompt us to take some action. Please contact me so we can pursue this further.

### **Recent Council Happenings**

#### **Benet Academy Procession for Life**

Thank you to Tom Rogers for organizing a handful of Knights to help out with this event. The procession began at Benet Academy and ended at Ss. Peter & Paul Church. Hot chocolate was served to the participants by the crew at the procession's terminus.

#### **Super bowl Squares Game**

This item was discussed and approved at the January planning meeting. An email has been sent out to all members. A copy of which has been attached hereto. As of Tuesday afternoon, January 26<sup>th</sup>, about half of squares were still left.

#### **Monthly Rosary at Planned Parenthood**

Thank you to John Zabinski for your continuous support and dedication to this event.

#### **Council's Annual Budget**

We are in the process of reviewing and planning our budget for the upcoming year. We hope to have it out to the members very soon for their review and acceptance.

## **Kay Cee Club News**

We had some discussion regarding the future of the Kay Cee Club property at our January planning meeting. So far a committee of three has been formed to study this matter. The committee consists of Al Knoeck, Paul Cozzi and Larry Pociask. We welcome anyone else who would like to be involved.

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

#### **Food Drive Summary**

I have one last bit of news regarding this event. Supremes Food for Families Program offers a refund for monetary and also food donations. It is a refund of \$100.00 for monetary donations of \$500.00 or more and \$100.00 for food donations of 1,000 pounds or more. We were refunded \$300.00. The full amount has been allocated to our General Charities Fund and will be put to good use at some further date.

#### **Vocation Raffle Tickets Summary**

The selling of tickets has ended. As a result of this endeavor, our Council earned \$630.00. This amount has been allocated to our Council's Vocation Fund. Thank you to Al Knoeck for organizing this fund raiser. We have yet to see the list of the winners. When we do, it will be included in the newsletter.

#### **Mundelein Seminary**

As a result of our discussion at the January planning meeting, we agreed to send them a check in the amount of \$250.00.

#### **Diaper Drive Summary**

The Fall Diaper Drive has ended. We were able to deliver 2162 Diapers and 348 wipes to our State Pro-Life Couple. Thank you to John Zabinski for all of his efforts for this very worthy cause.

#### **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.

### **Open Council Positions**

We have a number of open positions that are available. Most of these positions are occupied by Brother Knights who are officers having other positions in the council. Their names have been listed below. It would be advantageous to our Council to have these other positions filled by other Knights. Here is a list of positions that are open:

- Community Director – Nick Tsigaras
- Faith Director – Tom Wilson
- Family Director – Larry Pociask
- Fourth Degree Captain – George McConaghy
- Insurance Promoter – Nick Thompson

**We are very pleased to announce that Rodger Guebert was appointed to be the Three Year Trustee at our January Planning Meeting.**

**Rodger Guebert has been our ID Drive (Tootsie Roll Drive) chairman for the last few years and we were very fortunate that he was able to stay on as chairman this past year. Even though the ID Drive is not until September, we would like to have two or three Knights come forward to form a committee for this event. Rodger will no longer be participating as chairman, but I am certain he will be able to assist you and answer any questions you may have.**

Our Council is in need of some 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.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Free Throw Contest – CANCELLED due to Covid-19**

**SSPP Creche Take Down - TBD**

**Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 PM – ZOOM Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM – ZOOM Planning Meeting TBD**

**Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – Rosary at Planned Parenthood**

Contact John Zabinski at 630-747-8439 for details.

**Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday**

**Annual Fish Fry – CANCELLED due to Covid-19**

**Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 PM – ZOOM Council Meeting**

**Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick's Day Parade – CANCELLED due to Covid-19**

*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)*

## Superbowl Squares Game!

From: Knights of Columbus Email (no-reply@kofc.org)

Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021, 8:50 PM CST

Hello Brother Knights;

Given the inability to host in-person fundraisers this past year Council #1369 is 'kicking' off a new event: SUPER BOWL SQUARES. \$20 each.

The event is meant to add extra interest to the game, generate some monetary awards for those who choose a lucky square and raise a few dollars for our council to bolster the charity account. We hope you choose to support this fun game!

If interested just click on the link or copy and past if necessary: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1cMtaHkaPGpQOKGD6uUMHygGYDNwLB8ywig9XwNwz3fl/edit?usp=sharing>

Follow payment instructions in the YELLOW BOXES to the right of the squares pool. If you have a friend interested you can invite them to join. Squares are filling up fast so please make your pick(s) asap and send your payment as directed in the above link.

Good luck to all. All prizes will be awarded promptly.

If you have any questions send an email to: [jcoll22590@aol.com](mailto:jcoll22590@aol.com) (John Colletti)