

March 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

My message continues along the same lines as last month and will likely continue from hereon in. I would first like to thank George McConaghy for referring me and also reminding me about a very good website to visit regarding current events and legislation. It is the Heritage Foundation website. A couple of other good sources are Breitbart and the Judicial Watch. There is also a newspaper publication called The Epoch Times that is very good. The following are some takeaways from articles found on the Heritage Foundation's website.

The first is entitled "1776 Commission can Have a Second Life Outside of Federal Government" dated February 8, 2021. This is actually a follow up to a segment of my message in the February Newsletter. The three takeaways of this article are as follows:

It is a shame that the president does not want a conversation about the principles of equality and liberty that animate our national life.

American values really are unifying: no matter who we are, we all can appeal to the principle of equality under the law when someone violates our civil rights.

There is no better source of American unity than the principles we share as codified in the Constitution. Let's rededicate ourselves to understanding them.

The American people can bring it back, and we don't need government approval to do so.

Another article from HF is entitled "Why Action Civics is More Action than Civics: K – 12 Students Aren't Ready to be Activists" dated February 8, 2021. Here are three takeaways.

Action civics encourages students to participate in protests and demonstrations more than study history and our founding ideals.

Once students have participated in the political event of their choice, they are more likely to change their beliefs or cement their existing ones to match.

Students are being pressured into political movements without giving their ideals proper thought and analysis.

Another article from HF is entitled "The Agenda of Black Lives Matter is Far Different from the Slogan". It is dated July 3, 2020. Here are the takeaways.

Visit the Black Lives Matter website, and the first frame you get is a large crowd with fists raised and the slogan "Now We Transform."

This agenda isn't what most people signed up for when they bought their Spanx or registered for Airbnb.

The goals of the Black Lives Matter organization go far beyond what most people think.

One other item regarding BLM and Cancel Culture is on the Judicial Watch website and is dated February 16, 2021. The headline of the article is as follows:

Judicial Watch Sues on Behalf of a High School Coach Fired for Objecting to BLM / Critical Race Theory Curriculum for Daughter's 7th Grade History Class. In short, Coach Flynn was fired for exercising his constitutional right to object as a citizen and father to an extremist and racially inflammatory school curriculum in his child's history class.

I strongly urge you to familiarize yourself with these articles. We have some local elections coming up in April. Find out what the candidate's views on these issues. I hope to do my homework on them and include my findings in our next newsletter.

Council News

Lenten Reflections / Dynamic Catholic

The Dynamic Catholic website offers some very good spiritual uplifting which is just what we all need in this time of Lent. Throughout these forty days, this website offers a daily three minute video called "Best Lent Ever" presented by Matthew Kelly. I recommend that you check it out and receive a daily reflection for this Lenten Season.

Darrell Hutton Memorial Blood Drive

Our spring Blood Drive is scheduled for Saturday, March 20th from 7:00 AM to 11:30 AM and will be held in Zucker Hall in the lower level of the Junior High Building. Please contact John Hutton at 312-375-3157 for additional information. Masks are required and walk-ins are welcome.

Super Bowl Squares Game

Thank you to all who participated in this fun event. It was a great success. Not only did our Council receive \$500.00 off the top, but also received an additional \$600.00 from a couple of the winners. A special thank you goes out to them and also to John Colletti for organizing the event.

Monthly Rosary at Planned Parenthood

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

SSPP Seminarians

As a result of our Council recently donating \$250.00 to the Mundelein Seminary and in keeping with our support of our parishes two seminarians, Andrew Bogusz and Daniel Obendorf, our Council sent each of them a check in the amount of \$250.00.

Brother Knight / Deacon Ron Brown's Departure

Deacon Ron and his wife Ceal have been in our Parish for 33 years. Ron was ordained to the Diaconate in September of 2003. They are now relocating to their home state of Michigan and will reside in the City of Portage. His wife Ceal was also very active in Parish Life. We would like to thank them both for their many years of service to our Parish and wish them all of the joy and happiness in their new home and Parish in Michigan. We will miss you!

Council's Annual Budget

Our annual budget has recently been disseminated to all of our members. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. We will be voting on its acceptance at our April Council meeting.

Kay Cee Club Property Status

Our three-member committee (and any others who would like to join us) is planning on meeting at the hall on Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00 PM to discuss our long range plans and to create a schedule of tasks for our potential sale.

People to Remember in our Prayers

Bill Smirniotis

Bill was a former member of our Council. He has since moved and was residing with his wife in San Diego, CA. He was 69 and passed away on January 5, 2021. A sympathy card was sent to his family on the Council's behalf.

Deborah Vertigo

Deborah is the wife of Deacon Joe Vertigo. He is one of our deacons and a member of our Council. His wife was 68 and passed away of February 5th, 2021. A plant was sent to the family at the funeral home on the Council's behalf.

Donations, Donations...

Spring Diaper Drive

The Spring Diaper Drive will begin soon. Look for John Zabinski's email for details.

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

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.

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.

Intellectual Disabilities Drive Chairman's Job Description

As noted above, it would be best if this event had a committee rather than just one person to run it. I have outlined a partial job description. They are as follows: obtain permit from City; order supplies; collaborate with other Naperville Councils; organize supplies; contact SSPP parish school and RE for their help; assign captains for key store fronts and corners; confirm dates; send out signup for times and locations; reserve your time for that weekend; form committee; advertise / notifications

For additional information, I suggest you contact Roger Guebert or Michael Gach. Both of them have had very successful drives.

Upcoming Events

SSPP Creche Take Down - TBD

Tuesday, March 2nd, 7:30 PM – ZOOM Council Meeting

Saturday, March 13th – St. Patrick’s Day Parade – CANCELLED due to Covid-19

Tuesday, March 16th, 7:30 PM – ZOOM Planning Meeting - TBD

Saturday, March 20th, 9:00 AM – Rosary at Planned Parenthood
Contact John Zabinski at 630-747-8439 for details.

Saturday, March 20th, 7 – 11:30 AM – SSPP Zuker Hall
Contact John Hutton at 312-375-3157 for details.

Sunday, March 28th, 1:30 PM - Easter Egg Hunt – SSPP Grounds - TBD

Tuesday, April 6th, 7:30 PM – ZOOM Council Meeting

Saturday, April 17th, 9:00 AM – Rosary at Planned Parenthood
Contact John Zabinski at 630-747-8439 for details.

Tuesday, April 20th, 7:30 PM – ZOOM Planning Meeting - TBD

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. For information about membership, please contact Nick Thompson at 815-871-4218 or nthompson49@gmail.com