

June 2021 Newsletter



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

Message from the Grand Knight

Faith

SSPP Mass Volunteers Needed

Our Parish continues to need Church Reopening Volunteers for Masses and Sacraments. It's an easy way to volunteer and gets you into church for mass. Please see the Parish bulletin for details. Of all the things we as Knight of Columbus can do for our Parish during this time, there does not seem to be a better and more visible way for us to serve.

"7 and 4" Program (based on the 7th & 4th Spiritual Works of Mercy)

At our April Meeting, our Council approved a new program. It was presented by Guy Maras on behalf of Tom Wronski. As stated above, it is based on the Seventh Spiritual Work of Mercy

(Pray for the Living and the Dead) and the Fourth Spiritual Work of Mercy (Comfort the Sorrowful). It is being done in collaboration with Ss. Peter and Paul Parish. In short, it provides a benefit to the deceased of the Parish and provides comfort to their family. The details of this endeavor can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Community

St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive

We would like to thank Nick Thompson for heading up this event. We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who were able to assist him. They were as follows: Dabney Rehak, Guy Maras, Tom Zens, John & Sharon Larson, Mark & Bernadette Payne, John & Julie Lynch, Dave Gurnic, Jake Harper, John Colletti, Marty McCormick, Ron Frederick, Paul Cozzi, George McConaghy, Joe Svoboda, Bob Dial, Vince DeSapio, John Hutton, Kevin O'Connor, Randy Stall, Chris Maxwell as well as any others who may have helped out.

Family

Critical Race Theory

The Critical Race Theory is likely to be a part of our children's curriculum as soon as the coming school year. I encourage all parents to seek this out and question it. It is my understanding that its underlying motive is to teach our children all about racism and to pound it into their innocent heads. I am of the belief that there is very little racism in our country and it is only there because it is being preached to us. In any case, if this teaching does start to appear in our schools, there is a website you can go to called "Parents Defending Education". It is an informational website on what you can do to combat this teaching. I encourage all parents to join together on this issue.

There was just a little blurb on the news regarding that New York school that was highlighted in our May Newsletter. The author of the letter was interviewed. He said that he was banned from the school and now only his wife receives emails. One of his comments was that he was not really aware of how much this Critical Race Theory movement has grown across our nation. He has received a lot of support from every part of our nation. He also said that most people are definitely against it, but are either afraid or unsure of what they can do to stop it.

Life

Equality Act (HR – 5)

This act has been given this name for reasons to make us believe that it has to do with Equality. It happens to be just the opposite. It is disastrous for those who care about protecting innocent unborn life. It also would amend federal civil rights by adding "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" as protected classes. For details, please refer to the Heritage Foundation's website for the articles on this legislation.

We are living in an era of some very challenging times. We must not let these very important issues go unchallenged. It is our duty to speak up and not let these challenges overtake our freedoms.

Lastly, we all need to stay informed on the attempt that is being made to change our God given and Constitutional rights. Many of the above issues and most others are not reported by the mainstream media outlets. Viewing such news websites as The Federalist, The Heritage Foundation, The National Review, Judicial Watch and the Epoch Times should keep you informed.

Council News

Monthly Rosary at Planned Parenthood

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

Wendy's Fund Raiser

Thank you to all who participated in this event. We have yet to hear the amount of our earnings.

Annual Golf Outing

Our council has decided to forge ahead and schedule a golf outing this year. The date and time and place has not yet been determined but will be disseminated as soon we have the details. Please note that this event will be scaled down from what we have done in the past. The details will be forthcoming.

KC Hall Lawn Maintenance

The KC Lawn Maintenance Schedule has been attached. Thank you to Michael Gach, Tom Wilson, Jim McCluskey, Rodger Guebert, Tom Rogers and Larry Pociask for volunteering their time and saving our Council the expense of having it done by a landscaping company.

Slate of Officer's

The Slate of Officer's for our fiscal year 2021 / 2022 has been included below. The only change from last year's slate is the Advocate position. Guy Maras will be taking over that role. We would like to thank Paul Cozzi for his years of service at that position. We will be voting on this slate of officers at the June Council Meeting.

Title	Name	
Grand Knight	Larry Pociask	
Financial Secretary	Al Knoeck	
Deputy Grand Knight	Nick Tsigaras	

Chancellor	John Moravecek	
Recorder	Jim McCluskey	
Treasurer	Randy Stall	
Advocate	Guy Maras	
Warden	Doug Vollinger	
Inside Guard	Donovan King	
Outside Guard	Brian McElmeal	
First Year Trustee	Tom Rogers	
Second Year Trustee	John Zabinski	
Third Year Trustee	Roger Guebert	
Chaplain	Father McGeean	
Lecturer	Tom Wilson	

Kay Cee Club Property Status

Al Knoeck presented our issues of the future of the Kay Cee Hall / Building to the Blanchard Assembly at their last meeting. There was interest and some suggestions stirred up, but nothing positive as yet to surface.

Brother Knights in Need

PRAYERS

Let us please remember in our prayers the following Brother Knights:

Len Pawlak, Mark Morrow, Alan Frey, Bob Hoole, Bill Pinkham & Bob Niemoeller

Let us also remember Bother Knight Bill Guy who has been battling cancer

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

If there are Brother Knights experiencing financial hardship and are unable to pay their annual dues, please contact our Financial Secretary, Al Knoeck with a simple email.

(aknoeck@hotmail.com)

EMPLOYMENT

The following Brother Knights are either seeking employment or trying to upgrade their employment status. They are as follows: Dan Dubsky (dandubsky@yahoo.com), Dan Matern (dmatern@hotmail.com), Joe Rossi (jrnchicago@gmail.com) & Tom Moran (t.moran@att.net). Please feel free to reach out to them if you are able to help them find employment. Also, if you know of any other Brother Knights in need of employment, we would gladly include them.

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.

Council Director's Assistance Request

Our Council has four Directors. They are Tom Wilson – Faith Director; Nick Tsigaras – Community Director; Larry Pociask – Family Director; and John Zabinski – Life Director. As noted above, we need some new Brother Knights to step up into these positions. I would like to invite our directors to be mindful of the news around us and how it affects each of these important factions of the Knights. Your input on these matters would be appreciated and be included in our newsletter.

Intellectual Disabilities Drive Chairman's Job Description

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. It is 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.

The ID Committee so far consists of Rodger Guebert and Larry Pociask. Two other Brother Knights in the committee would make this event a lot easier for all of us to handle. The next hurdle we will have is that we really need to increase participation from our Brother Knights.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, June 1st, 7:30 PM – Council Meeting at KC Hall

Sunday, June 6th, 1:30 PM – Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession

Contact George McConaghy at 630-721-0306 for details

Saturday, June 19th, 9:00 AM – Rosary at Planned Parenthood

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

Tuesday, June 23rd, 7:00 PM – KayCee Club Annual Meeting

All Members are welcome to attend. @ KC Hall

Tuesday, July 6th, 7:30 PM – Council Meeting at KC Hall

Saturday, July 17th, 9:00 AM – Rosary at Planned Parenthood

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

Tuesday, July 20th, 7:30 PM – Planning Meeting – To Be Determined

Thursday, October 14th – St. Michael's Day Police Commemoration Service

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

KC Hall Lawn Maintenance Volunteer Schedule - 2021

<u>Month</u>	<u>Brother Knight</u>	<u>Phone Number & e-mail</u>
April	Larry Pociask	630-303-6137 lcp2346@yahoo.com
May	Michael Gach	630-777-0729
June	Tom Wilson	630-732-0125
July	Jim McCluskey	708-732-7206
August	Rodger Guebert	630-877-0770
September	Tom Rogers	630-818-7818
October	Larry Pociask	630-303-6137 lcp3246@yahoo.com

Notes & Guidelines

1. We are responsible for cutting the front lawn, the areas along the east and west sides as well as the weeds in the rear parking lot. Time wise, this should take no longer than an hour. While you are there, please be sure to pick up any garbage especially on the east side of the building. **Also, please empty any bags of aluminum cans into the bin.**
2. There is a lawn mower in the shed. You will be provided a key at the beginning of the month of which you can pass along to the one scheduled the following month.
3. You are on your own as far as scheduling, but you should make a point to be there once a week whether the lawn needs to cut or not.
4. If you have any problems or if you cannot make your scheduled appearance, please feel free to contact me, Larry Pociask at 630-303-6137 or via e-mail at lcp3246@yahoo.com – I will fill in for you as needed. This schedule will be posted on our web site as well as in the KC Hall.
5. You can also call John Hutton at 312-375-3157 to cover for you, if you can't make it there.

Knights of Columbus Council 1369
"7 and 4" Program
Based on the Seventh and Fourth Spiritual Works of Mercy

- **Approved by Fr. Brad Baker on April 27, 2021**

A simple volunteer program, based on the Seventh Spiritual Work of Mercy (Pray for the Living and the Dead) and the Fourth Spiritual Work of Mercy (Comfort the Sorrowful) that the Knights of Columbus Council 1369 and Sts. Peter and Paul Parish can cooperate on to benefit the dead of the parish, while providing comfort to their families.

A concrete and practical way for Sts. Peter and Paul Parish and Knights of Columbus Council 1369 to demonstrate that they care about parishioners in their time of sorrow. It will also provide a small financial benefit to the parish.

How it will work:

- The Knights of Columbus Council 1369 (funded initially by Tom Wronski and Guy Maras) will donate \$300.00 to Sts. Peter and Paul Parish to cover the cost of 20 Mass intentions.
- When someone affiliated with Sts. Peter & Paul dies, the parish office will email or text Knight Tom Wronski and provide the time and location of the wake. The parish office will also provide a date for a Mass to be held for the intention of the deceased, and enter the name of the deceased in the in the Mass book.
- A Knight will fill out the Mass card with the name of the deceased and the date of the Mass.
- A Knight will go to the wake, present the Mass card to the family, and offer condolences on behalf of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish and the Knights of Columbus.
- In the event that no Knight is available to attend the wake, a Mass card will be mailed to the family.
- When the initial \$300 runs out, the Knights of Columbus will make additional donations to cover the cost of more Masses.

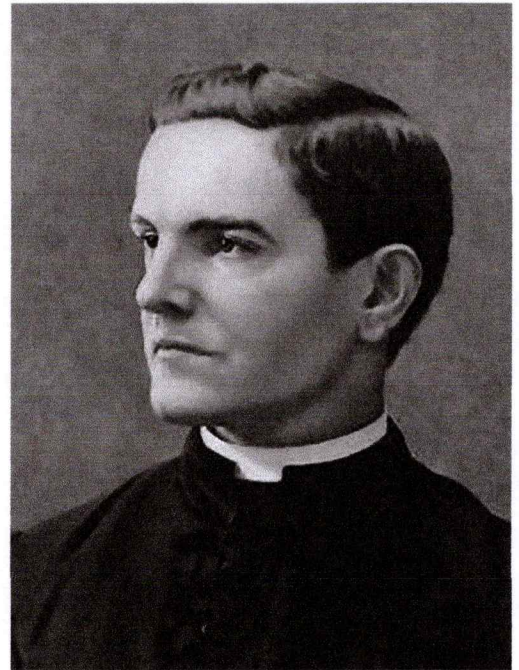
From the Parish:

- email or text notification to Knight Tom Wronski with the name of deceased, location and time of the wake.
- date that is put in the Mass book.
- Advise us when the Parish needs us to replenish the fund for Mass intentions.



*Eternal rest
grant unto them, O Lord,
and let the perpetual light
shine upon them.*

*May the souls of all
the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.*



*Blessed Michael J. McGivney
Founder of The Knights of Columbus*



*God, our Father,
protector of the poor and
defender of the widow and orphan,
you called your priest,
Father Michael J. McGivney,
to be an apostle of
Christian family life
and to lead the young
to the generous service
of their neighbor.*

*The Holy Sacrifice
of the Mass
will be offered for*

On _____

*At the request of
The Knights of Columbus*

Saints Peter and Paul Council 1369

