

# August 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**

# **Calling all Brother Knights**

# **Your Council Needs YOU**

**We are asking that all Brother Knights volunteer at least one hour of their time to as many of the upcoming events as possible. It is what we do. We especially need everyone to sign up for the I.D. (Tootsie Roll) Drive.**

There are many other opportunities on the horizon that require our presence. Some of them are as follows:

1. SSPP 175<sup>th</sup> Home Coming Festival – August 28th
2. I. D. Drive – Sept. 10 / 11 & 17 / 18
3. Police Commemoration Service – Oct. 14th
4. Vocation Raffle Tickets
5. Tulip Bulb Fund Raiser Sept. 26th
6. Fish Fry during Lent
7. Habitat for Humanity

All of the above events really need volunteers and our participation. Here are a few others that are fun events for us to do.

1. Golf Outing – Aug. 21st
2. Irish Fest – Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>
3. Bike for Life – Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>
4. Council Picnic
5. Painting the exterior of the Kay Cee Hall

## **Faith**

### **“7 and 4” Program (based on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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. This program is in need of a few more volunteers. Contact Tom Wronski at 630-357-1505.

## **Community**

### **Federal Zoning Act**

Here is another piece of legislation that all should know about. This Act gives the Federal Government the right to inflict their zoning regulations on private properties across the nation. In short, it will allow apartment buildings to be constructed on yours and your neighbor's property no matter where you live.

## **Family**

### **Critical Race Theory**

It is very good to hear that the opposition to the Critical Race Theory is picking up steam. Keeping silent is not an option. There were a few of us that got together to discuss this matter and how it relates to the core principals of the Knights of Columbus. It is as follows:

The Knights of Columbus was founded with a framework to support membership drawn from the broadest possible diversity of practicing Catholic men. The Founder of the Knights of Columbus, Father McGivney knew the trickle-down dangers of prejudice and who believed that bringing Catholic men from disparate backgrounds together in faith was possible, good and broadly needed. Father McGivney said, "It was designed to unify American Catholic citizens of every national and racial origin in a social and fraternal organization, giving scope and purpose to their aims as Catholics and as Americans".

The Knights of Columbus for the past 140 years have stood for equality, fairness and justice for all. To promote divisiveness and to dwell on past injustices is counter productive to the goal of Catholicism and the Core Values of the Knights. The focus must be on a common ideal that all men are created equal under the law and in the eyes of almighty God. Critical Race Theory adds no value to our beliefs. It dictates against equality, justice for all, the values of fairness and moral character of which we, as the Knights of Columbus, hold as sacred.

## **Life**

It was good to hear that the "For the Peoples Act of 2021" got voted down.

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, Mark Levine 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.

### **Annual Golf Outing**

The date of the Golf Outing is Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. The location has to be determined. Please contact Al Knoeck at 630-272-7592 for details and to reserve a place for your foursome.

### **Kay Cee Club Property Status**

There has been no further discussion on this matter.

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

#### **Diaper Drive**

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
- Charity Ambassador - Open

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.

## **Intellectual Disabilities Drive Committee**

The ID Committee so far consists of Rodger Guebert (630-877-0770) 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**

### **August – 2021**

- 3 – Tuesday – Business Meeting – 7:30 PM**
- 17 – Tuesday – Planning Meeting – 7:30 PM (if needed)**
- 21 – Saturday – Pro-Life Rosary at Planned Parenthood – 9:30 AM (John Zabinski) – PRAYERS NEEDED**
- 21 – Saturday – Golf Outing (Al Knoeck)**
- 28 – Saturday – SSPP 175th Home Coming Festival – 12:00 PM to 10:00PM**

### **September - 2021**

- 6 – Monday – Labor Day Parade – 10:00 AM – (Coordinating Council – St. Raphael) – MARCHERS NEEDED**

- 7 – Tuesday – Business Meeting – 7:30 PM
- 10&11 – ID Drive (Tootsie Roll Drive) – Store fronts (Rodger Guebert) – VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED
- 11 – Saturday – Darrell Hutton Memorial Blood Drive – 7 – 11:30 AM – (John Hutton)
- 11 – Saturday – Bike for Life (John Zabinski)
- 17&18 – ID Drive (Tootsie Roll Drive) – Street Corners (Rodger Guebert) – VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED
- 18 – Saturday – National Day of Remembrance – SSPP Cemetery – 1:00 PM
- 18 – Saturday – Rosary at Planned Parenthood – 9:30 AM (John Zabinski) – PRAYERS  
NEEDED
- 21 – Tuesday – Planning Meeting – 7:30 PM (if needed)
- 26 – Sunday – Priesthood Sunday
- 26 – Sunday – Tulip Bulb Sale (Mark Heaton / Brian McElmeel)

Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – St. Michael's Day Police Commemoration Service

### **Brother Knights in Need**

#### **PRAYERS**

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

Mark Morrow, Alan Frey, Bob Hoole, Bill Pinkham, Bob Niemoeller & Bill Guy

#### **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](mailto: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.

*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)*