

# September 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**

**Happy September to You!  
Calling all Brother Knights**

# **It's Tootsie Roll Time**

**We are asking that all Brother Knights volunteer at least one hour of their time to sign up for the Tootsie Roll (Intellectual Disability Drive) for either the weekend of Sept. 11 & 12 or Sept. 17 & 18**

**See Sign up Genius to grab a Location and Time**

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

1. I. D. Drive – Sept. 10 / 11 & 17 / 18
2. Blood Drive – Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>
3. Bike for Life – Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>
4. Tulip Bulb Fund Raiser – Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>
5. Police Commemoration Service – Oct. 14th
6. Vocation Raffle Tickets
7. Habitat for Humanity - TBD

## **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**

This may be far reaching for Community news, but we need to pray for the thirteen US soldiers that recently lost their lives in Afghanistan and for all of those US citizens that were left behind.

Let us pray that they will be returned to their homeland safely. How could this have ever happened?

## **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**

### **GREAT NEWS**

On Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, the Supreme Court upheld a law in Texas which states that an abortion may not take place after the heartbeat of the fetus is detected, which normally takes place within six weeks. Let us now pray that the other 49 states follow their lead.

### **Council News**

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

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

### **Golf Outing Summary**

The golf outing was unlike any others in the recent past. It was not a fund raiser, but rather just a fun event for all. There were three foursomes and we all played best ball. The intention was to play nine holes, but due to a heavy rain storm, we only played five holes. However, the storm did not stop us from having some food and beverages afterward not to mention some friendly kibitzing. Thank you Al Knoeck for organizing the event. We may even do it again come October.

### **SSPP Homecoming Fest Summary**

For those of you who did not attend, you missed a very nice well run event. Our congratulations to the committee of the event for a job very well done. We really enjoyed all of the bands. There were twelve Brother Knights that helped out at the beer tent. It got pretty busy there after four o'clock, but it was all good. In fact, we were asked by a representative from the Jaycees to help out at the Last Fling this weekend. We had four Brother Knights volunteer to help out on Saturday morning. It is our understanding that the Jaycees will make a contribution to our Council to the tune of \$7.00 per man-hour.

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

We have had some recent inquires. More information will be published as it develops.

### **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.

## Upcoming Events

### **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)**

### **October – 2021 – Respect Life Month – Diaper Drive**

**5 – Tuesday – Business Meeting – 7:30 PM**

**14 – Thursday – St. Michael's Day Police Commemorative Service**

16 – Saturday – Rosary at Planned Parenthood – 9:30 AM (John Zabinski) – PRAYERS  
NEEDED

19 – Tuesday – Planning Meeting – 7:30 PM (if needed)

?? – Sunday – Deceased Knights Memorial Mass – 9:30 AM – SSPP Holy Family Chapel (Tom  
Wilson)

?? – Tuesday – Priests Appreciation Luncheon – 12:00 (Tom Wilson)

?? – Saturday – Habitat for Humanity (Rodger Guebert)

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

### **Brother Knights in Need**

#### **PRAYERS**

If you are aware of any Brother Knights needing our prayers, please feel free to contact me so  
they can be included below.

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**

If you are either seeking employment or trying to upgrade your employment status and would  
like to be included in our newsletter or if you would like to continue to be mentioned, please  
contact me at the information given below.

*If you have questions regarding this newsletter or any other Council issues, please feel free to  
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