

October 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.

Be Sure to Mark Your Calendars for the

St. Michael's Day

Police Commemorative Service

It is happening on Thursday, October 14th at 7:00 pm on the grounds of Ss. Peter & Paul Parish. We would like to have a big turnout from all of our Brother Knights. Come and help us show your appreciation. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Ministry Center Hall.

Message from the Grand Knight

The Freedoms that our great country has enjoyed seem to be dwindling away. In the event you are not familiar with these news stories, you should check them out.

1. The drone debacle at the southern border.
2. Marine Lt. Steve Scheller being put into solitary confinement.
3. Penalties of \$700,000.00 for each Covid mask violation.
4. Covid restrictions for US residents but not for those who are here illegally.

Faith

Volunteer for The McGivney Project

To date Knights of Columbus volunteers for the McGivney Project have attended wakes or sent Mass intention cards to the families of 28 member of Sts. Peter and Paul parish who have passed away. When we go to these wakes our volunteers say a private prayer for the intention of the souls of the deceased, for their grieving families, and for the canonization of Blessed Father Michael McGivney. This is a good program that provides a real benefit to people and shows in a concrete way that the Church and the Knights of Columbus care about them. The grieving families seem to really appreciate our presence, and we have received positive feedback. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Brother Knight Tom Wronski, phone 630-791-0320, email thomas.wronski@gmail.com

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. **Our citizens are still there.**

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 counterproductive 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

This must be stopped

The Women's Health Protection Act (WHPA) of 2021, hailed by abortion supporters as the bill that will ensure equal access to abortion for all, is being re-introduced in Congress today. Currently, "health of the mother" loopholes — including financial health, familial health, age, or other reasons — allow abortion up to birth in the United States (see *Doe v. Bolton*), but the WHPA goes further than current law, virtually banning states even from restricting abortion after "viability," when it is considered possible for a preborn child to survive outside the womb. The bill could also wipe out conscience protections, parental notification laws, and informed consent laws.

Upcoming Events

St. Michael's Day Police Commemorative Service

See attached flyer for additional information

Planning Meeting – Tuesday Oct. 19 – 7:30 PM

We will be having a Planning Meeting this month. We have many things to discuss. The Holidays will be here before you know it. We plan on discussing the following topics:

1. Habitat for Humanity
2. Creche Setup
3. Breakfast with Santa – Dec. 4th
4. Christmas Party – Dec. 11th
5. Caroling at St. Patrick's

Ushering

One of our newest Brother Knights, Bob Krusec, who happens to be an usher in our parish, has a vision for our Council on developing a SSPP Usher Program. He shared his vision at our September Business Meeting and will be bringing forth more details very soon. Please keep this in mind. He can be reached at 630-200-1105.

Habitat for Humanity

More details to be discussed at the October Meeting

Knights Gear Polo Shirt Sale

See attached flyer for more details.

Monthly Rosary at Planned Parenthood

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

Event Summaries

Blood Drive

The Knights held another successful blood drive on September 11th. We had 41 people register and donate 46 units, **saving up to 136 lives!** This is a great event the Knights can run with little to no cost. Special thanks to Brian McElmeel and Len Pawlak for volunteering and all the Knights that came out to donate. We'll see you in March!

Kay Cee Club Property Status

No new developments

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

October – 2021 – Respect Life Month – Diaper Drive

- 5 – Tuesday – Business Meeting – 7:30 PM
- 14 – Thursday – St. Michael's Day Police Commemorative Service (Tom Wronski)
- 16 – Saturday – Rosary at Planned Parenthood – 9:30 AM (John Zabinski)
- 19 – Tuesday – Planning Meeting – 7:30 PM
- 23 – Saturday – Habitat for Humanity (Rodger Guebert)

November – 2021 – Diaper & Coat Drive

- 2 – Tuesday – Business Meeting – 7:30 PM
- ? – Saturday – Bishop's Burse Banquet
- 16 – Tuesday – Planning Meeting – 7:30 PM (if needed)
- 20 – Saturday – Rosary at Planned Parenthood – 9:30 AM (John Zabinski)
- 21 – Sunday – Christ the King Mass SSPP – 10:30 AM
- 26 – Friday – Creche Setup – 9:00 AM to Noon (Tom Rogers)

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

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 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

Worthy Brother Knights,

Please review and submit your order by November 2 following the directions at the end of this message.

We intend to place a bulk order for polo shirts from Knights Gear personalized with our Council name and number. We have selected the Custom Sport-Tek Racer Mesh Polo in Navy. Shirts will be personalized with gold lettering as shown in the following link:

[Custom Sport-Tek Racer Mesh Polo | KnightsGearUSA](#)

Individually purchased shirts cost \$28.50 plus sales tax (7.75%) and shipping. Our Council goal is to place a large order of at least 36 shirts, where the shirt price will drop to \$22.80 plus sales tax with free personalization and shipping. There is a small upcharge for sizes 2XL (\$2) and 3XL (\$3). We urge you to join the group order so we can obtain the advantaged pricing.

To participate in the group order, please submit the following by the deadline of November 2 (our monthly meeting date):

Your Name

Your Phone Number

Your e-mail address

The number of shirts you want and color selections - **first shirt must be Navy**

Your shirt size (S, M, L, XL, 2XL,3XL) We have a size chart if you are uncertain or between sizes.

You can send this information by e-mail to George McConaghy at gamcconaghyjr@gmail.com.

Please send payment by check written to "K of C #1369" also by November 2. Cost/shirt including tax is \$24.57 (Sizes S,M, L,XL), \$26.72 (Size 2XL), \$27.80 (Size 3XL). Mail checks to:

George McConaghy
962 Merrimac Circle
Naperville, IL 60540-7107

Vivat Jesus!

ALL Active and Retired
Law Enforcement
Officers and Their
Families are Invited!
You do not need to be
Catholic to attend!



Come and Thank Our Law
Enforcement Officers for
the Sacrifices They and
Their Families Make to
Protect Our Community
and Our Nation!

Please join us for a special blessing and reception in honor of...

POLICE OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

including a solemn commemoration of...

**ALL POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY
ACROSS THE UNITED STATES IN 2021**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021, 7:00 PM

**SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
36 NORTH ELLSWORTH STREET
NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS 60540**

For more information and to reserve your place at this important service
email: thomas.wronski@gmail.com or call 630-791-0320

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