

# November 2021 Newsletter



**Saints Peter and Paul Council 1369  
Naperville, Illinois  
[www.napervillekofc.org](http://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**

# **HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU!**

Despite the many disturbing issues that our Nation is facing, we still need to be very thankful for the Nation in which we live. Let us not forget and give thanks through prayer.

### **A Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

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. There is talk that our present administration is getting ready to hand out up to \$450,000.00 each for reparations to most if not all of the illegal aliens entering our country.
2. There is a very good article published by Hillsdale College entitled "The January 6 Insurrection Hoax". You can find it at [Imprimis.Hillsdale .EDU](http://Imprimis.Hillsdale.EDU).
3. The School Board in Loudon County, Virginia covering up of a transgender male having his way with a ninth grade girl in the girls bathroom.

Please stay informed on the attempt that is being made to change our God given and Constitutional rights by viewing such websites as The Federalist, The Heritage Foundation, The National Review, Judicial Watch, Mark Levine and the Epoch Times.

## **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](mailto: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

The U.S. Supreme Court is now slated to hear arguments over Texas' Heartbeat Bill THIS MONDAY. We must pray that the decision to preserve life is the outcome.

## **Upcoming Events**

1. Little Pops Fund Raiser – Nov. 17th
2. Creche Setup – Nov. 26th
3. Food Drive – Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>
4. Christmas Party – Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>

### **Little Pops Fund Raiser**

Information regarding this event has already been disseminated to the Brother Knights in our Council. A flyer containing all of the details has been attached hereto.

### **Creche Setup**

If you are able, please keep the morning of Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 until noon open to help out with the Creche setup.

### **Food Drive**

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Ministry Center Hall became unavailable to us.

However, we do have permission to schedule a Pancake Breakfast on a Sunday morning in January. We will discuss this matter at our November meeting. In any case, we will be having a Food Drive on the morning of December 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 until noon. The details will be forth coming and sent out under a separate email.

### **Christmas Party**

Our Christmas Party is set for Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 6 until 10 PM at the Ministry Center Hall. The planning is underway. Help will definitely be needed. There will be two other Councils joining us. The Committee so far consists of Tom Rogers, Larry Pociask, Al Knoeck, George McConaghy, Jim McCluskey and Felipe Gamez.

### **Free Throw Contest**

We are in need of someone to step up and take charge of this event. It normally takes place on the Sunday before Martin Luther King's holiday which is January 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be discussing this matter at the November Meeting.

## **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.

## **Knights Gear Polo Shirt Sale**

**Last call to order shirts is Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

## **Monthly Rosary at Planned Parenthood**

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

## **Event Summaries**

**To those Brother Knights that are Chairman of any of our events, it is your responsibility to provide a short summary of your event for the monthly newsletter. The newsletter is normally disseminated on the last Friday of the month.**

## **Kay Cee Club Property Status**

No new developments

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

## **Vocation Raffle Tickets**

If you have not purchased them already, please contact Al Knoeck at 630-272-7592. We still have plenty of them to sell. Thank you.

## **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.

## **Events Calendar**

### **November – 2021 – Diaper & Coat Drive**

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

**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)**

## December - 2021

- 7 – Tuesday – Business Meeting – 7:30 PM
- 4 – Saturday – Food Drive – 9 to Noon – SSPP Benton St. Parking Lot (Larry Pociask)
- 11 – Saturday – St. Raphael Blood Drive being held at SSPP Zucker Hall
- 11 – Saturday – Christmas Party – SSPP MC Hall – 6:00 – 10:00 PM (John Moravecek)
- 18 – Saturday – Rosary at Planned Parenthood – 9:30 AM (John Zabinski)

### 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 & Bill Reid

#### 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 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)*

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**SSPP KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**COUNCIL 1369**

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