

## December 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**

**Merry Christmas & Happy New  
Year to you and your family!!!**

Well 2021 will be coming to an end very soon and due to Covid got off to a very slow start the first half of the year and only a limited amount of activities. In fact, there were only three. We participated in Bent Academy's Procession for Life; had a Blood Drive; and sponsored the St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive.

We did happen to turn that around during the second half of the year though. It included many of our regularly scheduled activities. They were as follows: the Golf Outing; an Outstanding Intellectuals Disability Drive; the Last Fling Parade; a Blood Drive; the Creche Set Up; Coats for Kids; a Food Drive; and a Christmas Party.

All of the aforementioned activities were well and good, but we also had a number of exciting new activities during the second half of the year. Before going any further, I would like to personally thank Brother Knights Tom Wronski and Guy Maras for the efforts they had on getting some of these activities underway. The activities that were new to our Council were as follows: the McGivney Project; Helping Out at the Parishes Homecoming Event; Volunteering at the Last Fling; the Police Commemorative Service; Ushering; New Polo Shirts; Church Cleaning and Decorating; and the St. Anthony's Parish in Need Project.

We really had a great second half of the year and it has been very invigorating to our Council. Thank you to all who have participated in one way or another. As Grand Knight, I am very proud of all that we have been able to accomplish. Let's keep this energy going into 2022 help our Council to grow both in participation and membership. Have a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

## **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.

Due to some changes in his job, Tom Wronski has requested that he step down from his position as coordinator of this event. With that, we were fortunate to not only have one Brother Knight but two Brother Knights step forward as Temporary Coordinators. They are Filipe Gamez and Bill Schweihs. Their contact information is as follows: Felipe can be reached at 630-800-7557 or [feipegvmi12@gmail.com](mailto:feipegvmi12@gmail.com) and Bill can be reached at 630-953-9456 or [b.schweihs@comcast.net](mailto:b.schweihs@comcast.net). Thank you to both of you for volunteering.

## Message from Deacon Roger Novak

Deacon Novak has requested assistance from the Knights to get the church ready for Christmas on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11th (after 8:30am Mass). We'll be cleaning and decorating the church in advance of the HOLY-days -- and the Birth of Christ. Wives and teenagers are most welcome!!

What another wonderful opportunity for parish involvement by the Knights during this beautiful time of year. Let's make it happen!! Mark your calendars!! December 11th at about 9:15 AM.

Questions - Deacon Roger (630) 901-7993 ; Al Knoeck - 630-272-7592

## 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 hearing arguments on the validity of Roe v. Wade. We must continue to pray that their decision will be in support of the unborn. Overturning this legislation will not eliminate abortion, but instead leave it up to the legislators of the individual states.

### **Upcoming Events**

1. Christmas Party – Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>
2. Church Cleaning & Decorating – Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>

#### **Christmas Party**

Our Christmas Party is set for Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 6 until 10 PM at the Ministry Center Hall. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and still can be obtained by contacting Al Knoeck at 630-272-7592 no later than Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Free Throw Contest**

Thank you to Paul Cozzi for volunteering to head up this event. He will be in need of some help with this event. It normally takes place on the Sunday before Martin Luther King's holiday which is January 16<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for further details.

#### **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.

## KC Polo Shirts

We recently ordered polo shirts from Knights Gear customized with our Council name and number embroidered on the right chest. Brother Knights requested over fifty shirts in Navy and other colors. When the shirts arrive in December we will be able to display our fraternal UNITY and promote the Council when we volunteer for parish functions such as the Fish Fry. We have three extra shirts in sizes L and XL available for \$25 if you missed the original order. Contact SK George McConaghy at [gamcconaghyjr@gmail.com](mailto:gamcconaghyjr@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Monthly Rosary at Planned Parenthood

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

## Fourth Degree News

### Knights of Columbus – Become a Fourth Degree Member

Exemplification on February 19, 2022, at Sheraton Lisle Naperville Hotel

Brother Knights,

I enthusiastically invite you to attend the in-person Fourth Degree Exemplification scheduled on Saturday, February 19, 2022. This grand event will take place at the Sheraton Lisle Naperville Hotel, 3000 Warrenville Rd., Lisle, IL.

Further information is available on the Bishop Romeo Blanchette 3044 website [Bishop Romeo Blanchette Assembly 3044](#) and the Northern Illinois District website [Illinois District 1- 4th Degree, The Exemplification of the 4th Degree \(4thdegreeillinoisdistrict1.com\)](#)

If you are a Third Degree Knight and wish to Join the Patriotic Fourth Degree, begin your application now by contacting Fourth Degree Captain George McConaghy at [gamcconaghyjr@gmail.com](mailto:gamcconaghyjr@gmail.com), or (630)-721-0306. You will need to do the following:

- 1) Complete the Fourth Degree Membership document (Form 4)
- 2) Fill out the Exemplification registration sheet
- 3) Provide a personal check for \$70 payable to Alexander Tennant – Master
- 4) Possess a current Council 1369 membership card.

**All materials must be submitted through the Blanchette Assembly. Do not submit directly to the Master.**

SK George McConaghy  
Council 1369 Fourth Degree Captain

## **Blanchette Assembly Fundraisers**

Brother Knights,

Bishop Romeo Blanchette Assembly 3044 is currently conducting two fundraising projects. For only \$5/entry you could be a big winner! Please consider participating to support the charitable works of our Fourth Degree Assembly. You may purchase raffle tickets for both projects by contacting Fourth Degree Captain George McConaghy at [gamcconaghyjr@gmail.com](mailto:gamcconaghyjr@gmail.com) or (630)-721-0306.

### Fourth Degree Uniform Raffle

This annual raffle provides an opportunity to win a complete 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Uniform (no sword) OR \$500 cash. The drawing will take place at the next Exemplification on February 19, 2022. The winner need not be present. Sir Knights may wish to choose the Uniform, but anyone can participate and choose the \$500 cash prize. Please contact George McConaghy to purchase raffle tickets at \$5 each.

### FootballMania! SuperMatch Fundraiser

This annual fundraiser involves matching the scores at the end of each quarter for the AFC and NFC teams competing in the Superbowl on February 13, 2022. Each \$5 entry card has a set of four end of quarter scores. You could win \$10, \$50 or more! All entries must be made by February 12. You may also purchase tickets on-line with a credit card at the following link  
<http://charitymania.com/give/PC007>

Thank you for supporting Bishop Romeo Blanchette Assembly 3044,  
George McConaghy  
Fourth Degree Captain

## Event Summaries

### **Parish in Need Project**

I would like to recognize, Guy Maras, for bringing this project to our Council's attention. Let me just paraphrase his email to me to give you some light on this project.

"One of our fellow Knights from 1369 told me about the Catholic church he attends near his vacation home, St. Anthony's in Neopit, WI. St. Anthony's is located on the Menominee reservation about 60 miles west of Green Bay. The parish runs on a very narrow budget and at times has trouble even heating the building in the winter."

As a result of a very generous donation from his law firm as well as himself, not to mention all of our Brother Knights that contributed individually, we were able write that parish a check in the amount of \$2500.00. Thank to everyone for your donations for this very worthwhile cause.

### **Little Pops Fundraiser**

Even though our earnings were not earth shattering, every little bit helps. We were able to earn approximately \$45.00. Thank you to John Maravacek for his efforts on this event.

### **Food Drive Summary**

We had a very successful Food Drive. Thank you to all of those who volunteered and also a very big thank you to all of those who donated to this worthy cause. Even though the results are not yet final, we do know that over 2,000 pounds of food were donated along with monetary donations of \$555.00. Thank you very much to all!

### **Coats for Kids**

During our last Business Meeting, our council agreed to purchase two dozen coats and donate them to this worthy cause. They will be distributed locally on an as needed basis.

### **Creche Set up**

Thank you to all of the Brother Knights that came out and helped the SSPP maintenance crew to set up the crèche on the Saturday morning after Thanksgiving. I think there were about six of us that helped out.

### **Gifts for our Seminarians**

Our Parish now has three seminarians. In order to demonstrate our Council's continued support of them, we have sent each of our them each a check in the amount of \$500.00.

**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...

### **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

### **December - 2021**

- 7 – Tuesday – Business Meeting – 7:30 PM**
- 11 – Saturday – St. Raphael Blood Drive being held at SSPP Zucker Hall**
- 11 – Saturday – Christmas Party – SSPP MC Hall – 6:00 – 10:00 PM**
- 18 – Saturday – Rosary at Planned Parenthood – 9:30 AM**



## January – 2022 – March for Life

- 4 – Tuesday – Business Meeting – 7:30 PM
- 8 – Saturday – Chicago March for Life
- 15 – Saturday – Rosary at Planned Parenthood – 9:30 AM
- 18 – Tuesday – Planning Meeting – 7:30 PM
- 21 – Friday – National March for Life
- ?? – Sunday – Free Throw Contest – 7:00 to 9:00 PM @ SSPP Gymnasium

### 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 Rodger Guebert at 630-877-0770 or [rqueb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rqueb@sbcglobal.net).*