

# January 2022 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**

# **Welcome to Year 2022**

Greetings Brother Knights! Well our fiscal year is officially half over and it is time to start thinking about our second half. Yes there are a number of events happening in the second half

and one of our biggest is the Fish Fry. This event requires a large amount of man-hours from our Council so please ponder on how you will be able to help out. There will be a Sign-up Genius emailed to everyone a couple of weeks before the event.

The second half of our fiscal year also includes a new slate of officers for the upcoming year and also filling in the Director's and Event Coordinators. All of these positions play a key role in the success of our Council. Please take it upon yourself to decide what you are able to do. I hope to include details of all of these positions in upcoming newsletters. Thank you all for what you do to make our Council a great success!

Lastly, I would like to express to all of our Brother Knights the need to increase our membership. At present time, we have three new members for this fiscal year and our goal is twelve. If you know of any your friends that might be interested in joining, go ahead and ask them if would like to join. Rodger Guebert is our current Membership Director. Please feel free to contact him at 630-877-0770 with any questions.

## **Faith**

### **Volunteer for The McGivney Project**

When we go to these wakes our volunteers bring the family of the deceased a Mass Card, 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.

Our new Temporary Coordinators 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. Please contact either of them to volunteer for this very worthy cause.

## **Community**

Please pray for all of our healthcare workers during this present surge of the pandemic.

## **Family**

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. Our focus is on a common ideal that all men are created equal under the law and in the eyes of almighty God. Other teachings that do not include the above are not acceptable to us.

## **Life**

Pray that the sanctity of life will be at the fore front of all of our legislators.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Free Throw Contest**

The Free Throw Contest will be taking place on Saturday, January 15 from noon until 3 at the SSPP Gymnasium. All boys and girls from our local Community are welcomed to participate. However, they must be from ages 9 to 14 and they are required to bring a copy of their birth certificate or other proof of age to verify eligibility. Paul Cozzi is heading up this event. He will need a minimum of four volunteers to help out. Please contact Paul at 630-364-2489.

### **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 [gamconaghyjr@gmail.com](mailto:gamconaghyjr@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 [gamconaghyjr@gmail.com](mailto:gamconaghyjr@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

### **Christmas Party**

Our Christmas Party was a great success. There were 60 of us in attendance and all of us had a really nice time. I would especially like to thank the committee which consisted of John Moravecek, Tom Rogers, Jim and Janice McCluskey, Randy Stall, Felipe Gamez, Al Knoeck and Larry Pociask. A special mention also goes out to Mark Payne. We really appreciate your donation.

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...**

### **SSPP Parishioner Donation**

During the month of December, we received a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Richard Kuhn that is to be used in accordance with the discretion of our Council. Discussion of the disbursement will take place at our January Business Meeting.

### **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

### January – 2022 – March for Life

- 4 – Tuesday – Business Meeting – 7:30 PM – ZOOM MEETING
- 8 – Saturday – Chicago March for Life
- 15 – Saturday – Rosary at Planned Parenthood – 9:30 AM
- 15 – Saturday – Free Throw Contest – Noon to 3:00 PM @ SSPP Gymnasium
- 18 – Tuesday – Planning Meeting – 7:00 PM
- 21 – Friday – National March for Life

### February – 2022

- 1 – Tuesday – Business Meeting – 7:30 PM
- 15 – Tuesday – Planning Meeting – 7:00 PM (if needed)
- 19 – Saturday – 4th Degree Exemplification – Sheraton Hotel - Naperville
- 19 – Saturday – Rosary at Planned Parenthood – 9:30 AM

## 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 [rgueb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rgueb@sbcglobal.net).*