

February 2022 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.

Message from the Grand Knight

GREETINGS BROTHER KNIGHTS

Elections! Elections! Elections!

No I do not mean the upcoming November elections. However, this might be a good time to start thinking about them. Are you aware that our current administration considers themselves to be above the law of the land? Check out what they are doing along the southern border.

The elections that I am referring to are those within our Council. Our elections take place in the month of June. It may seem rather distant, but it is sure to sneak up on us. We will be putting a slate of officers together in May for our coming fiscal year which begins in July.

As it stands right now, we already have many positions open that are available. They are as follows: Lecturer, Community Director, Faith Director, Family Director, Program Director, Fourth Degree Captain, Charity Ambassador and Council Youth Director of which has just been resurrected from the past.

A description of this new position has been included herein. Also included is an entire list of positions with a brief summary of their duties. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or inquiries.

For the past couple of years our Council has been lacking in personnel to fill some of these positions. In fact, some of us had to take on multiple positions. This happens to be frowned upon by Supreme. Your involvement in our Council is very important to its future. Thank you and may God Bless!

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 and Bill can be reached at 630-953-9456 or b.schweihs@comcast.net. 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

Parents, only you know what is best for your children. Don't be told otherwise by others.

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

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.

Monthly Rosary at Planned Parenthood

Thank you to John Zabinski for your continuous support and dedication to this event. It takes place on the third Saturday of the month at 9:30 AM.

Fourth Degree News

Knights of Columbus – Become a Fourth Degree Member Virtually

If you are a Third Degree Knight and wish to Join the Patriotic Fourth Degree, begin the application process now by contacting Fourth Degree Captain George McConaghy at gamcconaghyjr@gmail.com, or (630)-721-0306

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 or (630)-721-0306.

Fourth Degree Uniform Raffle

This annual raffle provides an opportunity to win a complete 4th 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

Planning Meeting Summary

We had a very productive meeting that evening. The results of our discussions are as follows:

1. With the recent surge of the Covid variant along with a couple of particulars, we voted NOT to sponsor the Fish Fry again this year. However, we did discuss the possibility of having some kind of fund raising event on Friday, April 8th. We have not decided on anything quite yet. We are open for suggestions. If you have any, please bring them up at our February Business Meeting.
2. We are in the process of registering our Council for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday March 12th. We have not yet finalized our entry. A luncheon is being planned to follow the parade. This year it will be held at the SSPP Ministry Center Hall.
3. Two of our Brother Knights, Brian Fagan and Jerry Buch, each had a child of theirs pass away recently. Our Council voted to send a donation of \$150.00 each to their requested entity in their daughters' names.
4. We will be having a fundraiser at Lou Malnati's Pizzeria on Wednesday, March 9th at both locations in Naperville. See attached flyer for more information.
5. For those Brother Knights considering to become a Fourth Degree Knight, the fourth Degree exemplification that is scheduled for Saturday, February 19th has been changed to a virtual ceremony. Contact George McConaghy at 630-721-0306 for more information.

Free Throw Contest Summary

Thank you to Paul Cozzi for coordinating this event and also thank you to his helpers. They had only five contestants. The District Free Throw Contest will be taking place on Saturday, February 19th from 12:00 PM until 1:00 PM at the SSPP gymnasium. We wish all of those who qualified the best of luck.

KC Polo Shirts

For all that are concerned, I spoke with George just to make sure that he did not run off with all of the shirt money and of course he did not. He does have all of the shirts and is working on a plan for their distribution.

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

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

February – 2022

- 1 – Tuesday – Business Meeting – 7:30 PM – ZOOM Meeting**
- 19 – Saturday – 4th Degree Exemplification Virtually**
- 19 – Saturday – Rosary at Planned Parenthood – 9:30 AM**

March - 2022

- 1 – Tuesday – Business Meeting – 7:30 PM – KC Hall Lawn Mowing Schedule
- 2 – Wednesday – Ash Wednesday
- 12 – Saturday – St. Patrick's Day Parade – 10:00 AM - Coordinating Council 1369
- Luncheon after Parade at SSPP Ministry Center Hall
- 15 – Tuesday – Planning Meeting – 7:00 PM (IF NEEDED)
- 19 – Saturday – Rosary at Planned Parenthood – 9:30 AM
- 19 – Saturday – Darrell Hutton Memorial Blood Drive – 7:00 to 11:30 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
The Brian Fagan Family & The Jerry Buch Family

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 Rodger Guebert at 630-877-0770 or rgueb@sbcglobal.net.



Raise a slice
FOR A
**GOOD
CAUSE**

STS. PETER & PAUL #1369 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

DATE

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

LOCATION

Lou Malnati's Naperville

11:00am - 10:00pm
131 West Jefferson Ave
(630) 717-0700

Lou Malnati's Ninety-Fifth

4:00pm - 9:00pm
2879 West 95th Street
(630) 904-4222

**SUPPORT THE
STS. PETER & PAUL
#1369 KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
FUNDRAISER!**

FOR QUESTIONS

Please contact: Al Knoeck
630-272-7592
aknoeck@hotmail.com

Lou Malnati's will donate 20% of total sales to your organization (20% based on pre-tax purchase, excluding alcohol) from every order received from Dine-In, Carryout or Delivery (within zone).

Make sure to mention the flyer or fundraiser during your phone order.

* INCLUDES ONLINE AND APP ORDERING. USE CODE FUNDSPP22 *

**PLEASE
NOTE**

- Must mention fundraiser at time of order to ensure credit towards fundraiser
- Please check receipt for "fundraiser" item, if you do not see "fundraiser" on your receipt, please see or call a manager. *Online order will indicate when entering promo code.
- For questions or concerns please email fundraising@loumalnatis.com



UNDERSTANDING COUNCIL OFFICER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Each year your council elects and appoints new men to take on leadership roles within your council. Sometimes these roles are well-defined while other times the role may be expanded based on that individual's talents or interests. The following text offers an approach that may be helpful for new councils in appointing the first set of officers or for existing councils looking to expand the responsibilities of their existing officers.

Elected Positions



Grand Knight - The grand knight is the council's chief executive officer. He is responsible for setting council goals and ensuring that all officers

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fulfill their duties in reaching these objectives. He presides over all meetings; appoints program and committee directors as needed; fills officer roles in the event of vacancies; countersigns checks and orders for payment; and oversees the council's degree team. Ideally, the grand knight should be a junior so that as a senior he can serve as a mentor for the next grand knight. The grand knight must complete the Safe Environment training.

Deputy Grand Knight - The deputy grand knight serves as the grand knight's right-hand man and fills in for the grand knight when he is not present. Some deputy grand knights serve as their council's program director. Ultimately, he assists the grand knight in leading the council and reaching council objectives. In some councils, the deputy grand knight role might be used to groom a possible grand knight candidate for the following year. Finally, the deputy grand knight may serve as a liaison between the council and other groups that share similar interest (i.e. Newman Club, pro-life club, etc.).

Chancellor - The chancellor assists both the grand and deputy grand knights in the leading of the council by engaging and strengthening the council's membership. His primary responsibilities include recruiting and retaining members and to this end he should set up events that display the values and principles of the Knights of Columbus. The chancellor should participate in the council's degree team and should serve on both the Admission and Retention committees.

Treasurer – The treasurer is responsible for managing the council funds, whether in bank or school accounts. He receives money from the financial secretary and deposits funds into council accounts. He is also responsible for paying all council expenses. He also balances and verifies the ledger and keeps the updated budget approved by the council.

Advocate - The advocate acts as council parliamentarian. He should be knowledgeable in *Robert's Rules of Order and Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting* (#1937). He may seek legal assistance from the state advocate, should issues arise. The advocate should be able to take on additional responsibilities as the council deems necessary.

Recorder - The recorder has the responsibility of recording all meetings and events held by the council. He should record minutes, conversations and other information helpful to the council and prepare them to be distributed to the membership in a timely manner. Additionally, he should help with council event notifications, council meeting reminders, and assist with council social media responsibilities.

Warden - The warden is responsible for the property owned by the council. He is also in charge of setting up meetings and leads both the inside and outside guards. Many college councils utilize the warden and guards as custodians of the campus ministry property which may include raking leaves, shoveling snow and assisting with interior maintenance.

Inside/Outside Guards - The inside and outside guards carry out tasks given to them by the grand knight and follow the warden's orders. They are responsible for checking membership cards and allowing entrance to meetings. Councils should consider appointing additional inside and outside guards, especially among promising freshmen, as this provides early leadership opportunities.

Trustees (3) - The trustees advise the grand knight, supervise the council's financial matters, and conduct the semiannual audits. Usually the immediate past grand knight will serve as a trustee. Some college councils utilize alumni members and/or university faculty members as the other two trustees to provide additional oversight and support.

Appointed Positions

Chaplain - The chaplain is the spiritual leader of the council. He nurtures the faith in council members particularly through the sacraments but also through spiritual direction, retreats and other events and support. The grand knight should meet regularly with the council chaplain to see how the council can best support the Catholic community on campus.

Financial Secretary - The financial secretary is chosen by the trustees and the officers of the council for a three-year term and approved by the supreme knight. He provides continuity in the council and has the responsibility of collecting dues as well as ensuring that the council's

financial recordings are kept up to date. Additionally, he ensures that membership records are current, issues membership cards, files regular reports to the district, regional, state and supreme offices and submits the annual 990 to the IRS. The financial secretary cannot be an undergraduate student, but ideally should be a member of the campus faculty or staff. If no one from the campus community can serve in this role, it should be an adult member of the neighboring community.

Lecturer - The lecturer provides brief spiritual discourses and reflections during business meetings for the "Good of the Order". If the lecturer cannot be present, he should appoint a council member to give the reflection for him.

Program Director - The program director is appointed by the grand knight and oversees the Faith in Action areas of Faith, Family, Community and Life. In some councils this may be the duty of the deputy grand knight. The program director ensures that all his subordinate committees meet regularly and plan appropriate events. He communicates individual committee reports to the grand knight. Keeps accurate record of council programs for reporting on the **Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728)** and the **Columbian Award Application (#SP-7)**. Must complete required Safe Environment training.

Faith Director - The faith director is appointed by the grand knight and reports to the program director. Responsible for all faith-based council programs. He should develop relationships with other catholic student center ministries to advance the needs of the whole campus ministry community at the pastor's direction.

Family Director - The family director is appointed by the grand knight and reports to the program director. Responsible for all family-based council programs. Knowing that most college knights do not have families of their own, the Supreme Council offers 5 college-specific family programs. Must complete required Safe Environment training and background check.

Community Director - The community director is appointed by the grand knight and reports to the program director. Responsible for all

community-based council programs. He directs programs that support and encourage service to the community that fight poverty, aid the individual, promote athletic events, and sponsor larger programs and campaigns. He should be comfortable contacting and coordinating with organizations that align in key areas of community assistance. Must complete required Safe Environment training and background check.

Life Director - The life director is appointed by the grand knight and reports to the program director. Responsible for all life-based council programs. The individual appointed to this position should be comfortable discussing and planning efforts within the context of supporting and affirming life in all stages and in all conditions. Notably, he strives to promote programs that support and encourage the advancement of the pro-life movement, people with intellectual disabilities, and persecuted Christians.

Membership Director - The membership director serves as the head of the Admission Committee and works to grow the council's membership through new and transfer members. He should actively identify potential recruits, plan recruitment programs, host informational meetings and encourage council members to seek candidates. In addition, the membership director should ensure that a council has access to frequent degree exemplifications (whether its own or local councils) and should work that each member reaches at least the third degree in a timely manner.

Retention Chairman - The retention chairman works to keep the council's members active. implements programs and practices that provide mentors for new members and regularly communicates with the members to encourage their participation. When students graduate, the retention chairman helps them transfer to a council in their area. At times when a council wishes to suspend members, they must have the retention chairman reach out to members and ask them to keep their membership or to transfer to another council.

Other Council Positions

These are positions that are not required by or reported to the Supreme Council, however, many college councils have had found success by utilizing these roles. In many cases, these roles may be

Illinois State Council – Knights of Columbus
Office of the State Advocate



Memorandum

To: Worthy District Deputies & Grand Knights
From: Mike Blackburn
CC: Worthy Financial Secretaries

Appointment of a Council Youth Director

The Illinois State Council is recommending that each council appoints a Council Youth Director (CYD). This position would report up through the council's Family Director and the appointed CYD would take the "Praesidium Armatus Safe Environment Training – For Everyone" available on the Supreme website

<https://armatus2.praesidiuminc.com/Armatus/security/anonymous/selfRegistration> Registration Code: **kofcsafe**

A requirement of councils whose programming include youth activities or activities where children are present is to have two (2) Safe Environment certified individuals present at those events. Having a Council Youth Director would allow an extra trained individual to be available to attend those functions and fulfil this requirement.

Another benefit of a CYD is to plan and promote children friendly activity during the fraternal year. Gaming nights both electronic and traditional are the fastest growing areas of youth activities in our state. Keep our children safe during these events are the responsibility of every knight.

In the words of the Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly: "Protecting our children is the sacred duty of every knight."

Please reach out to me with any questions.