

# March 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 have grown into a world-wide financial and charitable organization.

## **Message from the Grand Knight**

**First and foremost, our Financial Secretary, Al Knoeck, has informed me that many of our Brother Knights have not yet paid their dues. There are two ways of doing so. Your \$40.00 check can be dropped off at the hall this Tuesday at our Business Meeting. It starts at 7:30 pm and we encourage you to attend as well. You can also mail your check to Al at 1030 North Avenue, Naperville, IL. 60540. Lastly, if you are incurring some financial difficulties, please contact Al at 630-272-7592.**

# LENT SEASON IS HERE

## BROTHER KNIGHTS

### Leadership – Leadership – Leadership

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, your involvement in our Council is tantamount to it being successful. Your involvement does not only mean volunteering your time on one of our many Service Programs (even though there is always a need and it is much appreciated), we are very much in need of leadership. I like to look at leadership as a progression at least for most of us anyway. Yes, it is a system of stepping stones and does begin as mentioned with volunteering. Being a committee chair for an event is a logical follow up. This position would acclimate you to the Council's procedures and ready you for either an appointed position or even an elected position. **In fact, we are very much in need of a committee chair for the Intellectual Disabilities Drive / Tootsie Roll Drive coming up in September.**

There are many appointed positions and a couple of which are special. It is preferred that our Chaplain be one of our Parish Priests or Deacons. The other special position is the Financial Secretary. The Knight in this position should have experience in accounting and in addition must be approved by Supreme. The other appointed positions do not take any special skills, but it does help if the Brother Knight does have some particular interest. These positions are as follows: Lecturer; Program Director; Faith Director; Retention Chairman; Community Director; Life Director; Membership Director; and Youth Director. Brother Knights are to hold only one position, whether it be appointed or elected.

That brings us to the elected positions. We normally like to have a slate of officers picked no later than our May Business Meeting so our members have a month to ponder it before the June elections. However, you do not necessarily have to be on the slate to be elected. All are welcomed to run against another Brother Knight on the slate. In the event this does happen, a vote for that position would take place at the meeting. If there are no challenges for any of the positions, those in attendance at the meeting will be asked to vote on the slate as presented.

The elected positions are as follows: Grand Knight; Deputy Grand Knight; Chancellor; Treasurer; Advocate; Recorder; Warden; Inside / Outside Guard; and three Trustees. Brief descriptions of these and all of the other positions can be found at the end of the newsletter.

## **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 [felipegvmi12@gmail.com](mailto:felipegvmi12@gmail.com) and Bill can be reached at 630-953-9456 or [b.schweihs@comcast.net](mailto:b.schweihs@comcast.net). Please contact either of them to volunteer for this very worthy cause.

For the month of February, there were four funerals. Bill attended two of the wakes. He presented Mass cards to one of the family members at each wake. Cards were sent to the other families of the deceased since no visitation was held.

## **Community**

Please pray for the end to the war in the Ukraine and also for the leaders of our Country.

## **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**

#### **Lou Malnati's Pizzeria Fund Raiser**

Our Council will be sponsoring a fund raiser on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at both Naperville locations. They will donate 20% of their sales to our Council that day. Be sure to mention the Knights of Columbus when you order. Use code FUNDSPP22 if ordering online or with app. Contact Al Knoeck at 630-272-7592 with any questions. Downtown: 630-717-0700 or 95<sup>th</sup> Street: 630-904-4222 (see attached flyer)

#### **Stress Free Retirement Planning Online Seminar**

All parishioners are invited to attend this free seminar. The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring an informative online presentation given by Joe Jordan. He is an inspirational speaker, behavioral financial expert and Brother Knight. His talk will give you new insights into your financial affairs without losing sight of your faith and values. The virtual seminar will take place on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Advanced registration is required. You can either email [matthew.kling@kofc.org](mailto:matthew.kling@kofc.org) or you can scan the QR code that can be found on the attached Flyer.

#### **St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Come and join the fun! Everyone from our Council and their families are welcomed to join us and march in the parade which is taking place on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. The parade starts at 10:00 AM and begins at Naperville North High School along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. We hope to see you there.

#### **St. Patrick's Day Parade Luncheon**

There will be a luncheon sponsored by our Council immediately following the parade and all of our Brother Knights and families are welcomed to join us. It will be held in the Ministry Center Hall at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish. We are in need of some volunteers to help with the setup that morning. Contact Randy Stall at 630-717-8614 with any questions and to sign up to help out.

#### **Top Golf Fund Raiser**

St. Thomas the Apostle Council 15822 is having a Fund Raiser at Top Golf in Naperville on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm to 3 pm. Tim Berglind is the Grand Knight and would love to have Knights from our Council come and join them.

### **Darrell Hutton Memorial Blood Drive**

Our next Blood Drive is taking place on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am until 11:30 am at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Zuker Hall in the lower level of the Junior High Building at 201 East Franklin, Naperville. See attached flyer for more information.

### **KC Hall Lawn Maintenance**

Our Council seeks the help of our Brother Knights to take care of the lawn maintenance on our property throughout the growing season. We prefer that each volunteer take this task for a month which are May, June, July, August and September. Please contact me with any questions and to sign up. Thank you in advance for you help.

1. We are responsible for cutting the front lawn, the areas along the east and west sides as well as the weeds in the rear parking lot. Time wise, this should take no longer than an hour. While you are there, please be sure to pick up any garbage especially on the east side of the building. **Also, please empty any bags of aluminum cans into the bin** (if needed a ladder is available in the shed)
2. There is a lawn mower in the shed. You will be given the code for the lock box. The key to the hall is inside. The key to the shed is in the cabinet in the men's bathroom.
3. You are on your own as far as scheduling, but you should make a point to be there once a week whether the lawn needs to cut or not.
4. If you have any problems or if you cannot make your scheduled appearance, please feel free to contact me, Larry Pociask at 630-303-6137 and I will fill in for you as needed.

### **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**

We hope to see you marching in the parade

## **Event Summaries**

### **KC Polo Shirts**

Thank you to George McConaghy for hosting the Saturday morning event at our Hall to distribute the Polo Shirts. For those of you that were not able to pick up your shirt, they will be available for pick up at our next Business Meeting. He also has a few extras in case you would still like to purchase one.

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.

### **Best Buddies at Naperville North High School**

Our Council has received a donation from a parishioner in the amount of \$500.00. It was requested it be used in the best interest of our Council. Details about the program are attached hereto. Our council will be taking up this matter at the upcoming Business Meeting

## Events Calendar

### **March - 2022**

- 1 – Tuesday – Business Meeting – 7:30 PM**
- 2 – Wednesday – Ash Wednesday**
- 9 – Wednesday – Lou Malnati’s Fund Raiser**
- 10 - Thursday – Stress Free Retirement Planning Virtual Presentation**
- 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**

### **April – 2022**

- 5 – Tuesday – Business Meeting – 7:30 PM – Create Nominating Committee**
- 10 – Sunday – Easter Egg Hunt – 1:30 PM – SSPP Grounds**
- 14 – Thursday – Holy Thursday**
- 15 – Friday – Good Friday**
- 16 – Saturday – Rosary at Planned Parenthood – 9:30 AM – PRAYERS NEEDED**
- 17 – Sunday – Easter Sunday**
- 19 – Tuesday – Planning Meeting – 7:30 PM (if needed)**
- 24 – Sunday – Divine Mercy**

## 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).*





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

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STS. PETER & PAUL  
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**FOR QUESTIONS**

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630-272-7592  
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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](mailto:fundraising@loumalnatis.com)



# Joe Jordan Presents

## *Purpose Driven Retirement Strategies*



Join us for an informative online presentation by award-winning author, financial thought leader, and Brother Knight, Joe Jordan.

Joe will show you the keys to a prosperous retirement without losing sight of your faith and values. His message has helped boomers & seniors with successful retirement strategies that go beyond just ROI (Return on Investment) and deal with ROL (Return on Life).

In "Purpose Driven Retirement Strategies" Joe will discuss the two fundamental questions you will face when planning for retirement: 1) How will you spend your time? 2) How are you going to pay for it?

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**DATE: March 10, 2022**

**TIME: 6:30PM**

**ADVANCED REGISTRATION:**

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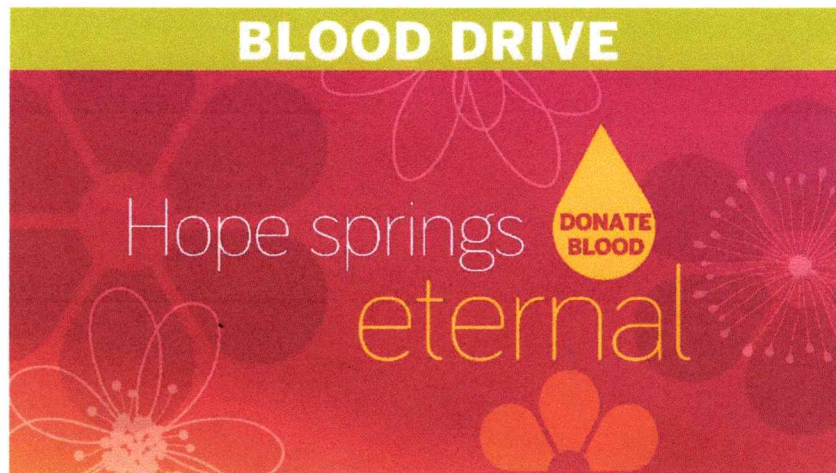
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**Saturday  
March**

**19**

**7:00am - 11:30am**

**Helpful tip:**

**Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.**

**Mask & Photo ID required.**

Call (630) 723-2589 with eligibility questions.

**SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC  
CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE**

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus # 1369

Located in Zuker Hall, Lower Level of the Junior High Building, at 201 East Franklin, Naperville

Appointments appreciated; walk-ins welcome!

To schedule, go to [www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL), load the Versiti Donor app, call (800) 7TO-GIVE, or scan the QR code below.

**EVERY DONOR WILL SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!**





# 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 individuals 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



- COLLEGE COUNCILS
- MAP OF COLLEGE COUNCILS
- COLLEGE MARCH FOR LIFE
- COLLEGE RESOURCES
- HOW TO START A COLLEGE COUNCIL
- WHY JOIN
- HOW TO JOIN
- OCC AWARDS
- COLLEGE COUNCILS CONFERENCE

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



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.

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