

# June 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**

# **BROTHER KNIGHTS**

For the past year or so, our Council has not been able to sponsor very many fund raisers which is partially due to the pandemic. As a result, our available funds to donate to charities very much been depleted, but more importantly our funds to pay our bills has also been depleted. We as a Council need come to our own rescue. There are two ways which can help us in this matter.

The first and foremost is to reach out to those sixty (60) some Brother Knights who have not yet paid their dues. This would be a great opportunity for them to help out our Council. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE get your membership dues paid up to date immediately. Contact our Financial Secretary, Al Knoeck at 630-272-7592. He would love to hear from you!

For those Brother Knights that are in good standing, we thank you very much. Any amount of a monetary donation to our Council would certainly help. Checks can be made out to KC Council No. 1369 or if you prefer cash donations, they can also be given to our Financial Secretary, Al Knoeck.

On a lighter note, as many of you know the Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Blessed Father Michael McGivney. The Knights of Columbus have been around for over 140 years and over the years have developed many conservative principles. I have recently stumbled across a meaning of conservatism in a book that I have been reading. This definition was penned by a rather prominent radio talk show host with the initials RL. It is as follows:

*"It's really about people: it's about our understanding of people; it's about faith; trust in people. It's about the knowledge that it is people that make a great nation. It's ordinary people pursuing and accomplishing extraordinary things with the freedom and ambition to do so."*

Many of you may not be familiar with a lady by the name of Candace Owens. She is an author of a few books and a lady that speaks her mind in a really sensible and truthful way. Anyway, she has embarked on a provocative investigation of the BLM organization. I am anxious to find out what she has found out. I hope it is released very soon.

One other reminder is that our elections will be taking place this coming Tuesday at our June Business Meeting. The Slate of Officers has included herein.

## **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.

## **Community**

Keep praying for peace in the Ukraine.

## **Family**

Parents, only you know what is best for your children. Stand up and be heard. Stay involved with all of their educators. Be especially mindful of your daughters. Don't let their God given rights be taken away from them.

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**

As most of you are well aware, the Illinois Primary Election is taking place on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Illinois Right to Life Action sent me their information on all of the candidates (most of you probably already have it). For those of you who don't, the candidate information can be found on their website: <https://illinoisrighttolifeaction.org/mission/votersguide>.

### **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**

No news to report

### **Event Summaries**

#### **Ukraine Fund Raiser**

Thank you to the committee made up of Guy Maras, Jim McCluskey and Al Knoeck for organizing this event.

#### **Special Olympics Spring Games**

Our Council would like to extend our thanks to Donovan King for his time and organizational skills in helping our Brother Knights distribute the awards at this event. Thank you for your time and effort to all of those who participated.

## **Spring Food Drive**

Thank you to everyone that helped out at this event. Even though the food and monetary donations were down compared to our December Food Drive, it was a success nevertheless. We were able to donate 877 pounds of food and monetary donations of \$155.00. Thank you once again!

## **Kay Cee Club Annual Meeting**

1. Our annual meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. All Council Members are welcomed to attend.
2. Thank you to Tom Wilson for taking care of the lawn maintenance for the month of May. Rodger Guebert will be taking it over for the month of June.

## **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.

## **Events Calendar**

### **June – 2022**

- 7 – Tuesday – Business Meeting – Election of Officers – 7:30 PM**
- ? – Saturday – St. Raphael Blood Drive**
- 16 – Sunday – Corpus Christi**
- 18 – Saturday – Pro-Life Rosary at Planned Parenthood – 9:30 AM (John Zabinski)**
- 19 – Sunday – Father’s Day – Bottles for Babies Fund Drive Ends (Vijay K. Devadas)**
- 21– Tuesday – KayCee Club Meeting – 7:00 PM – ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

### **July - 2022**

- 4 – Monday – Fourth of July – SSPP Mass – 9:30 AM**
- 5 – Tuesday – Business Meeting – 7:30 PM**
- 16 – Saturday – Pro-Life Rosary at Planned Parenthood – 9:30 AM (John Zabinski)**
- 19 – Tuesday – Planning Meeting – 7:30 PM (if needed)**
- ?? – ??????? – Officers Installation**

## **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 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).*

**I would to thank all of the Brother Knights of Council 1369 for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your Grand Knight for the past two years. It was a great experience! I would also like to especially thank all of the officers and event coordinators for all of their assistance throughout the year! I could have never done it without you!**

**Slate of Officers for Fiscal Year July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Title	Name	
Grand Knight	Jim McCluskey	
Financial Secretary	Al Knoeck	
Deputy Grand Knight	Guy Maras	
Chancellor	John Moravecek	
Recorder	John Larson	
Treasurer	Randy Stall	
Advocate	Nick Tsigaras	
Warden	Don Solloway	
Inside Guard	Donovan King	
Outside Guard	Brian McElmeel	
First Year Trustee	Larry Pociask	
Second Year Trustee	Tom Rogers	
Third Year Trustee	John Zabinski	
Chaplain	Father McGeean	
Lecturer	Steve Obendorf	