



St. Luke the Evangelist Council #12455 Raleigh

New Year Witness: Save the Unborn

January is Right to Life/ Culture of Life month — rallies, marches and prayers to save the unborn.

In Raleigh, Saturday, January 18, Brothers and their families will attend the Diocese Mass for Life at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Zarama and other diocesan priests. After mass, we will be the downtown Raleigh Rally and March for Life. Marchers witness by walking a fixed route in the downtown in protest of abortion of the unborn in our society.

Area Brother Knights and State Officers will be prominent and our K of C Honor

Guard will lead this impressive witness to the sanctity of human life.

Council #12455 Brothers, join us at this significant Raleigh event.

Coming up the St. Luke Council's **Faith in Action** program is sponsoring two spiritual reflection events, specifically for Life:

- (1) A Novena for Life from January 14-22 — parish to pray for an end to abortion, euthanasia and other sinful threats to Life; and
- (2) A Holy Hour of prayer for Life, Friday, January 24 at 7 PM.

See following page for info.

The National Washington, DC Right to Life March takes place on Friday, January 24, 2020. Bus **seating** is available by contacting Kathy Klein: (919) 815-1369 or blk4jnj@gmail.com. See following page for details.

If you haven't experienced the March for Life in our nation's capitol, plan on joining us particularly this year -- a year of promise for Life issues.

The marches are a strong witness for the life of the unborn and a dramatic and visible encouragement for people to change their hearts.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Mark the Dates

Consecration to the Holy Family. December 28-29.

Raleigh Diocesan Mass for Life and March for Life. Saturday, Jan. 18.

First Degree Exemplification. Monday, Jan. 20, 7 PM at St. Luke's. Council Team to confer degree.

Novena for Life, Jan. 21-29. Brothers and families requested to do the nine day spiritual exercise for Life issues and the protection of the unborn.

Washington D.C. March for Life. Friday, Jan. 24 .

Holy Hour for Life. St Luke's, Friday, Jan. 24, 7 PM.

Second Degree Exemplification. Wednesday, Jan. 23 at nearby Price Council.

Council Pancake Breakfast. Sunday, Jan. 26. Serving starts at 9:30 AM.

Third Degree Exemplification. Saturday, Feb. 1, Price Council in Raleigh.

Council Charities "Be My Valentine" Dance. Saturday, Feb. 8 at St. Luke's, Free dance lesson at 7:15 PM, Dance from 8 to 10:30 PM.

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Vatican	www.vatican.va

Life and Faith Programs at St. Luke's

Brother Jerome Savage, Council Life Director, is leading Council pro life efforts.

Brother Rick Beebe again is spearheading a parish-wide **Novena for Life**. This nine day prayer exercise is a parish priority, particularly for Knights and their families. The dates are January 14-22. See next article.

Brother Jeff Spears, Council Faith Director and Brother Don Struckmeyer, are coordinating a **Holy Hour for Life** liturgy on Friday January 24 at St. Luke's. This again is a parish activity and Knights

will be participating in the prayerful exercises for life and protection of the unborn.

Diane Masinick (Brother Luke's wife) is St. Luke's Parish Respect Life Coordinator. She is promoting parish participation in **Raleigh and DC Marches for Life** and in related events commemorating our pro life efforts to save unborn babies.

Future Notes regarding the Life initiative:

Again this year, Council 12455 will donate \$2 K to **Special Olympics** from our Operation Lamb collections.

Nine Days for Life — Rick Beebe

Nine Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of every human life. It's an easy spiritual exercise that you can do at your convenience and at home or in the car. Maybe you are unable to participate in marches and other events that are witnesses to life and the protection of the unborn, but you can offer special prayers for this intention and make this nine day novena. Join with thousands as we pray for the respect for life.

Each day a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions including possible acts of reparation. To sign up for the Nine Days of Life Novena's plan and prayers go:

www.9daysforlife.com

Let's say you miss a day or two because you are late in starting, just extend the nine days to cover the days missed.

Washington March for Life, Friday, January 24

Brothers and families plan to make the DC March for Life. Join us for an experience you will not forget. If you are considering attending the march, this is the year to go.

Pro life policies issues are in the forefront of media coverage. What better way to demonstrate your Catholic faith and to witness to the life of unborn babies, than to participate in the DC march and put you're voice to action.

The Pro Life Marches are inspiring and very hopeful for the future. You will be amazed at the numbers and enthusiasm of the young people and children marching.

Take the bus to DC with us. The cost is \$60 per person. Bus departs from St. Raphael's parking lot at 4:30 AM sharp, returning the same day by 11 PM. The fee covers a round trip. We will attend Pro Life

mass at the National Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 11:30 AM, then the bus will convey us to the march on Constitution Ave. We will visit the Congressional buildings to make our presence and views known to our Senators and Representatives. The bus will stop for a quick breakfast on the way up and we will stop for dinner on the way back. Breakfast and dinner are on you, but do pack a lunch to eat after mass on the bus when going to the march.

Make your reservation now by phone Kathy Klein at 919-815-1369 or email: blk4jnj@gmail.com.

Advancement: New Second Degree Brothers

Advancement in degree is important. The deeper meaning of Knighthood is imparted through the Order's principles: Charity — 1st Degree; Unity — 2nd Degree; Fraternity — 3rd Degree; and Patriotism — 4th Degree. Knighthood is relevant to our holy Catholic faith, to our fellowship with Brother Knights and friends, and to the effectiveness of Council leadership, now and in future.

Congratulations Brothers: Jay Brizendine, Luis Garcia, Paul Koster, Drew Nichols and Manfred Stenke for attaining the honor of Second Degree Knighthood this fall. Perhaps several of you will advance to full Knighthood in the Third Degree at Price Council on February 1.

Our own Council Team will be conferring the degree on Monday, January 20 at 6:30 PM in the Knights Room at St. Luke's. Please come and join us in this impressive introduction to Knighthood and to our Council Brotherhood.



Keep Our Brothers and Families in Prayer

Knights and families of our Council continue to experience challenges with health and other issues.

Please keep these Brothers and their families in prayer: Bob Beasley, Linda Corsmeier, Joann Crumlich (widow of Don), Bill Donnelly, Jo Del Donno, (widow of Nick) Thresa De-Marco (Frank and Rich's mother), Bill Donnelly, Rodger Ewbank, Luis and Alejandra Garcia, Annette Jacobs, Lynn Loebach, Peter Kraehenbuehl, Sharon Matthews (widow of Tom), Larry Meese, Matt Petrovick, Tom Phan's father in

law, Ron and Letty Phillips, Don Scott, Jack Sobczak, Jan Tenbarger, and Bill Wolf.

Several Brothers and friends visit Bill Donnelly and/or Peter Kraehenbuehl monthly or at a time available. If you wish to join in these visitations, just let me know (JJMTHAAG@Bellsouth.net or call 919-841-5817).

St. Raphael, Angel of Healing

May the Archangel Raphael, physician in care of our health, come down from heaven to cure all who are sick and to solve the difficult problems of life . . . Be with us, O Archangel, called the Medicine of God, drive away diseases of the body and bring good health to our minds.

From the proper hymns in the Divine Office. Feast of St. Raphael

St. Gregory calls Raphael "the Medicine of God." . . . Heavenly Physician, Angelic Healer,

God's Remedy. "I am the Angel Raphael, one of the seven who stand before the throne of God." (From Book of Tobias). Holy Scripture gives the names of only three of the seven archangels: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael (God has Healed). God gave Raphael a mandate to cure the body, mental and spiritual afflictions of men.

Council Christmas Party -- Keith Kosinski, GK

We had a wonderful time at the 2019 Council Christmas Party enjoying a bit of festive fellowship with your families and friends. I'd like to thank everyone for helping to make it a successful evening.

Thanks for your delicious entrees, salads, breads, desserts and drinks. Thank you to Fr. Rob for his prayers, support and his game of childhood favorite Christmas gifts, things to do, and to eat during the Season. Congratulations to Selena Hoyle for her victory!

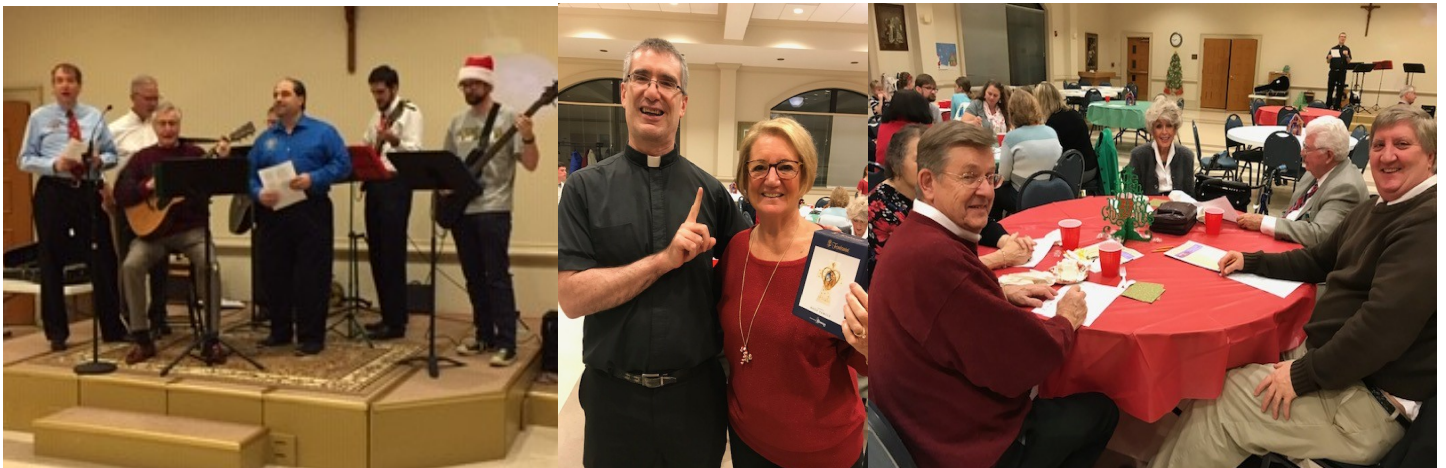
The Singing Knights led us in Christmas Carols. It was fun to see and hear the carolers at each of the tables. It was a great time to exchange Christmas greetings, enjoying fellowship and deepening friendships

About 60 Brother Knights, spouses and families attended, including many of their kids. See pictures on the next page. Guests enjoyed a wonderful evening. Father Rob kicked off the celebration with a blessing before the dinner, that provided various excellent food and amazing dessert options to us all.

This was a wonderful time to share brotherhood with fellow Knights and their families. Thank to you for all you did to make the evening such a wonderful success - for setting up the hall, for sharing your delicious treats, for singing carols and for helping the clean up.

I'm already looking forward to next year's celebration.

I wish you all a very Blessed Christmas, and a joyful and prosperous New Year!



Degree Exemplifications

Council 12455's Degree Team will confer the First Degree of Knighthood on Monday January 20th at St. Luke's at 7 :30 PM. Please mention this to Catholic men of the parish who you have been thinking might be interested in becoming Knights.

Usually there is an opportunity to advance to Second Degree in our area in each January. We will inform our First Degrees, if and when this exemplification is scheduled. And we will arrange group transportation as needed.

Second Degree Knights: Advance to full Knighthood in the Third Degree at Raleigh's Price Council on Saturday, Febru-

ary 1 -- early afternoon.

The Third Degree takes about three hours, starts with preliminaries at 11 AM and then ends with a reception at about 3 PM.

WOW! This means that a new Brother becoming a 1st degree Knight at our January 20th exemplification, can move up to 2nd degree Knighthood, later in January at Price Council.

Then all our Second Degrees can achieve full Knighthood in the Third Degree at a February 1st Third Degree exemplification — again at nearby Price Council.

Let GK Keith Kosinski know ASAP so that registration and transportation arrangements can be made with the respective conferring councils.

You will not regret taking advantage of these impressive Knighting ceremonies.

Do it!

Knights in Action



Coats for Christmas Bishop Zarama and Council Brothers



Knights of Month (OCT & NOV) and Family of the Month (NOV) See Page 7



Jesus Birthday Celebration at Council Christmas Gathering

“Be My Valentine” Charity Fund Raiser, Saturday, February 8

Make plans to attend our Council’s major 2020 Charity Fund Raiser. It takes place on Saturday, February 8, from 8 to 10:30 PM in the St. Luke’s Ballroom.

Rollin Glaser’s High Society Orchestra will again entertain us with well known dance standards with a creative and contemporary touch. The Valentine dance is a favorite for many parishioners and increasingly teens from St. Thomas More, home-schools and nearby parishes often attend. At 7:15 PM, Rollin again will provide a complimentary dance lesson for those interested in honing their dance skills.

Brothers, this is a pre Lent and inexpensive night out with your special “Valentine.”

Net proceeds from this event fund our many Council pro life, family, community and youth charities. *See the article below.*

We will again provide a wonderful assortment of complimentary desserts and exquisite pastries for your temptation and sampling. Thanks to all of you who prepare these delicacies.

We appreciate your help in running this important fund raising event. Your participation will help to achieve a successful result in support of Council charities.

There are jobs to be done: Help us sell tickets after masses. We need assistance: decorating and setting up, staffing soft drink sales and admission table. Clean up

has gone well as the teens generously pitch in after to clean up after the event.

But the financial success of the fund raiser hinges on your coming and bringing your friends. If we get 50 Knights and ladies to come with another couple of friends, this will be an outstanding financial success for our Council and for our many worthy charitable causes.

Okay, some Brothers may not like to dance — we understand! **So come anyway** and socialize with your Brother Knights and ladies. At least, buy a ticket or two to support our charities. THANKS!



Council Charities — Joe Jacobs, Treasurer

This last calendar year, we practiced our First Degree principle of charity. Here are the Council’s charitable outlays during 2019.

- ◆ Operation Lamb - \$5,221.36 (Includes \$2,000 donation to Special Olympics)
- ◆ RSVP - \$1750
- ◆ Birth Choice, Run for life - \$300
- ◆ Knights Corporate Masses - \$100

- ◆ Divine Mercy Radio - \$200
- ◆ Habitat For Humanity - \$3,000
- ◆ American Wheel Chair Mission - \$150
- ◆ CPO Donation - \$250
- ◆ Brother Josh's Wheel Chair - \$6,000

These outlays were funded via our Council dues, charity fund raisers and by the donations of our Brother Knights. Our major fundraisers were Op Lamb, dances, sale of Christmas cards, raffles.

Note that even more charitable generosity is reflected in the Knights countless volunteer hours for parish and diocesan projects, ministries and activities.

Thank you Brothers!

An additional fund raiser, the CPO Food Drive, resulted 1,074 pounds of groceries collected and \$6,294 in donations — not flowing thru our Council.

Brothers Reassemble Diocesan Crèche



This is one of our projects as part of our Keep Christ in Christmas program. Chris Mitta and Brothers again assembled the Nativity stable at Diocesan Headquarters on Stonehenge Drive in Raleigh.

We met at the storage unit to load the

nativity structure and statues. We transported the sections to the Diocese office and then assembled the wooded stable, putting new Lexan glass in front.

The glass was donated by Brother Dave Knudson,

Joining Chris Mitta in this project were Brothers: Abell, Bob Bagin, Brizendine, Cuffney, Dubis, Hoyle, Knudson, Kolin-ski, Mitta, Drew Nichols, and Stenke.

Family and Knight of Month

October FOM — Luke and Diane Masinick

Luke is a 3rd Degree Knight very involved in the parish youth formation program. Brother Luke visits persons in assisted living facilities, offering Eucharist to them and Luke's youngest daughter has joined on these visitations. He has participated with Knights and parishioners visiting prisons.

Luke and Diane stress the importance of prayer as a family and they are active in the Pro Life movement. She is our parish Respect Life Coordinator, working with Knights and Pro Life leaders to change hearts on this important issue — saving unborn babies in the womb. She is also a Lector at mass.

October KOM — Jerome Savage

Brother Jerome, a 4th Degree Knight, is the Council's Worthy Lecturer and Director of Life Programs. He is leader in parish and diocesan Respect Life programs, working closely with organizers of parish and diocesan marches and activities. Jerome initiates and follows up on new ideas such as the recent and forthcoming showing of "Unplanned" at St. Luke's.

Jerome is a Lector at Mass and teaches a parish Baptism class. He loves volunteering along with his children at the recent Preatrium Lamb fundraiser. We are delighted that his oldest son Tom has joined the Knights. Thanks Jerome for your faith filled work for Council, parish and diocese.

November FOM — Jay and Peg Brizentine

Brother Jay is one of our newer Knights and just received the honor of Second Degree Knighthood.

Before becoming a Knight, Jay was active with coaching youth along with doing other good works; and then he began to attend and participate in Knights sponsored socials at St. Luke's. Since joining, Jay has served at many of our parish events and most recently helped with the Raleigh Diocese creche — see above.

Jay's wife, Peg, is St. Luke's parish's Secretary. She works hard, helping our pastor, the parish staff, parishioners and ministries, such as the Knights of Columbus, with any of their activities or other pastoral needs. Brother Jay and Peg, we thank you for your many contributions to parish and to the Knights.

November KOM — Tom Phan

Brother Tom is 4th degree Sir Knight.

This past year, as we have expanded our parish community efforts, Brother Tom is one of the persons directly responsible for the success of our parish wide dinners, and other parish food events. Whether it is the parish picnic, the youth burger bash or other get togethers, Tom can be counted on to help with procuring the food, cooking, as well as setup and, most importantly, cleanup!

In the background, he is also responsible for communication for the Knights whether it is through the email application or the innovative advertising and posters he creates.

Tom, thank you for bringing your positive, cheerful attitude to our Council and especially for your help with all things food and promotion related!



From the Grand Knight

Christmas Greetings to all my Brothers and your families!

During Christmas time, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, and give thanks for the blessings we have received through God's grace. It is also a time to share!

This past year, our Council exemplified Faith in Action by serving over 20,000 hours within our church and our community, and by donating more than \$20,000 to various important charitable causes. Thank you for your role in Knights' activities by sharing your gifts with others.

Last month I asked you to reach out to other Catholic men that you know and invite them to join us in the Knights. We have scheduled a First Degree in late January. I hope you will be able to sponsor a new fellow Brother to our Council. If you have any questions, please contact Rick Beebe, our Membership Director, at bbgunrtb@yahoo.com.

I hope you enjoy your holiday with family and friends, and I wish you happiness and good health in the new year. Remember, due to the holiday, our first Council business meeting will be Wednesday January 8th, a week later than usual. If you have not been to a meeting in a while, come and hear what we are doing.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Keith