



# St. Luke the Evangelist Council #12455 Raleigh

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST  
COUNCIL # 12455

## Raleigh and DC Marches for Life

On Saturday, January 12, 2020, more than 1,500 Catholics from across the Diocese attended the Raleigh March for Life. With Fr. Rob at the rally and downtown walk were several Brothers and about 10 Carpe Diem and Vita Nova youth with Rebecca Dobner, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry.

Knights and family attending the Friday, January 18th Washington DC, March for Life included: Brothers Abell, Benigno, Steve & Rich DiMassimo (dad) Haag, Paul and Mark Koster and family, Tom, Debbie and Josh Lindsey, Drew and Tim Nichols

and Jerome Savage and family — travelling by bus from St. Raphael's with marchers from nearby parishes.

The Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception NC Diocesan Mass for Life was packed with Catholics from all over the state. Our two RSVP seminarians were in ceremonial procession, and soon to be Deacon Steven Dimassimo presenting the first reading. (See p. 5).

An overwhelming number of enthusiastic youth were at the March —one of the best attended. Summing up the experience — The weather was beautiful.

President Donald Trump and First Lady Millenia attended and the President spoke at the rally.

After we joined a reception hosted by Senators Tillis, Burr and Representative Holding. Legislative staff greeted us; however, Congressmen and Senators themselves were not present. Impeachment hearings were underway. They greeted and thanked us for coming to the March via recorded TV statements.

### Mark the Dates

**Council Meeting**, Wednesday, 7:30 PM, March 4.  
There will be a pre meeting reception at 6:45 PM.

**K of C Soup Supper**. Friday, March 6, After Stations.

**Highway Pickup**. Saturday March 7. See Dave Abell at 8:30 – 9:30 AM in church parking lot.

**St. Luke's Parish Mission**. March 12-13.

**State Raffle Tickets Due Date**: Wednesday, March 15 is the cut off for return of sold tickets.

**CPO Food for Families Drive**. March 21-22 weekend.

**New Multi-Degree — 1st, 2nd and 3rd**. Saturday March 21, at St Francis.

**St. Luke's Parish Retreat**. March 28.

**Council Meeting**, Wednesday, 7:30 PM, April 1.  
There will be a pre meeting reception at 6:45 PM.

**Ignited by Truth**. April 18, 2020,

**Steven DiMassimo Deaconate Ordination**, Saturday, April 18 at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. All invited!

**Special Olympics**. April 23, at Ravenscroft School, see page 4 for details.

**Council Pancake Breakfast**. Sunday, April 26, serving starts at 9:30 AM.

**State K of C Convention**. May 1-3, in Concord, Great Wolf Lodge.

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#### Links

**State Supreme Raleigh Diocese** [www.kofcnc.org](http://www.kofcnc.org)  
[www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)  
**CVNC Bishops Vatican** [www.dioceseofraleigh.org/](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/)  
[www.catholicvoicenc.org](http://www.catholicvoicenc.org)  
[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)  
[www.vatcan.va](http://www.vatcan.va)

# Valentines Dance — Social and Financial Success — GK Keith

Our Valentine's Day Dance was well attended. Thanks to Chris and Christine Taurence for chairing this event and decorating St. Luke's Ballroom. Noted below are Brothers who helped staff and promote this parish community event for our Council's charities. Many brought desserts, or simply came and made the evening enjoyable for all - THANK YOU!!

Thanks to you and your friends who attended this parish community event and to the parishioners and members who contributed delicious desserts and eats.

As always, I am grateful to the Brothers and spouses who helped make this project a great Council success.

Over 100 Tickets sold — many to teens from Thomas More Academy and home schools. Here's the dance by numbers:

\$ 1,294 - Gross ticket proceeds  
\$ 113 - Drink sales  
\$ 170 - Donations  
\$ 1,371 - Total Proceeds

\$ -647 - High Society Orchestra Share

Net \$ 930 - For Council 12455 charities

**Promotion:** Brothers Cuffney, Haag Phan, and Savage; and Rollin Glaser for his advertisements among his dance groups

**Sell tickets:** Brothers Bob Bagin, Benigno, Cuffney, Haag, Hill, Jacobs, Taurence

**Set up:** Brothers Brizendine, Haag, Kosinski, Taurence;

**Decoration:** Christine and Chris Taurence;

**Food Service:** Brothers Cuffney, Jacobs, Nichols and kids, Phan, Stanson.

**Cleanup:** Brothers Nichols & kids, Savage & kids, and the young men and women from high schools that attended.



## Congratulations to New Third Degrees

We are delighted that Brothers Jay Brizendine, Luis Garcia, Drew Nichols, Paul Koster, Jim Samborsky and Manfred Stenke received the **honor of full Knighthood in the Third Degree**, at Father Price Council on Saturday January 27. The exemplification, and was observed by Brothers Jim Cuffney, Jim Haag, Tim Nichols, and DGK Craig O'Brian. About 40 Brothers from other area councils also received the honor of full Knighthood. The ceremony was followed by a reception and luncheon prepared and served by the Knights of Father Price Council.

The theme of the Third Degree is "Fraternity" and the exemplification focuses what this means for Knights of Columbus and a Catholic gentleman. Third degrees are eligible to hold Council Office and may be State Officers as well.



## Welcome New Brothers — Future Changes — GK Keith

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Welcome to our new Knights: Mark French, Jose Gonzalez, Kyle Kimble, and Rob Naslund who — with e-member Jim Samborsky — became First Degree Knights at our January 20 exemplifications conferred by our First Degree Team and observed by about 20 Brothers. After the degree we adjourned to Milton's for pizza and refreshments.

Brother Jim Samborsky, quickly followed up by doing the Second Degree later that week at St. Francis — then he received the honor of full Knighthood in the third Degree at Price Council on February 1st, as noted on the previous page.

In addition to our new First Degree Brothers, we are also fortunate to have four Brothers transferring to our Council as they are new to the parish.

Brothers Robert Moser, Davis Council, Brian Conaghan and Ralph Navarrete have all recently joined our Council. Please be sure to spend some time speaking with them at the next meeting or event and welcome them to our St. Luke Council. Feel free to personally invite them to join you at parish or service activities you enjoy.

We are happy to have a total of nine new Brothers officially in our Council!

You should know that Supreme has instituted a new combined First, Second and Third degrees in a future single ceremony.

We take this opportunity to thank our own First Degree Team for their service to our Council. Thanks to Brothers Beebe, Benigno, Cuffney, Scott Dobner, Haag, Kupec, Lindsey, and Spears for impressive ceremonial service to Council 12455.

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## Lenten Soup Supper, Friday March 6 — Felipe Mendez

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Brothers: We are again hosting the Lenten Soup Supper after the Stations of the Cross on March 6. Please bring your favorite gourmet

meatless soup to feed our parishioners. And your help serving it will be greatly appreciated. We will have a sign up sheet at our next

meeting or just forward your info to Felipe at [mendezman68@gmail.com](mailto:mendezman68@gmail.com).

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## Time to Pray, Fast, Sacrifice and Give Alms

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Brothers, we are called to spiritual growth, particularly during Lent. If you can: Attend parish Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers on Lenten Fridays, go to the Parish Mission to be led by Fr. Alapaty on Thursday/Friday March 12-13, and consider reducing adverse effects of food intake and environmentally adverse practices (GreenerLent).

As Knights we are available, interested, willing and ready to engage. Can you lead or help out in a worthy cause? Are you considering a need

for or even aspire to lead a good work?

Church and Council efforts underway can use your help. Some examples: youth ministry, RCIA, Catechesis, Journeymen, Operation Lamb, Visiting those in assisted living, hospitalized or homebound.

Perhaps you are called to assist homeless and/or distressed via Oak City outreach or through St. Luke's Support Circle initiative? Maybe you could give time to Knight Riders,

CPO, respect life efforts, music ministry, perpetual adoration on Fridays at St. Luke's or at Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Catherine's Adoration Chapels?

The 40 days of Life started Ash Wednesday and will run through April 5. Consider taking time to pray before the Drake Circle abortion facility?

Where is the Lord telling you to step out and serve Him?

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## Chrism Mass — Need Brothers to Help — Tim Nichols

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For the last few years, our Council has led the effort to support the annual Diocesan Chrism Mass. We have received a state award for this worthy effort.

The Chrism Mass is celebrated annually in every diocese and is one of the most solemn and important liturgies of the liturgical year. This year the Chrism Mass will take place at 10:30 AM the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral on April 7. During the Mass, the Bishop will bless the Oil of the Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and consecrates the Sacred Chrism.

The Chrism Mass also celebrates the ministry of the priests. They are invited to renew their commitment of service and are given the prayers and support of the people of the Diocese, represented in the faithful who have gathered for the Mass.

After the Rite of the Blessing of the Oils and Consecration of the Chrism the Holy Oils are taken to a room where volunteers prepare smaller bottles packaged into individual boxes. The box of Holy Oils containing one of each is then returned for the Distribution of the Holy Oils and the Sacred Chrism. It is during this

time that the Vicar General calls forth the parishes, campus ministries, missions, stations and military bases located in the Dioceses.

The St. Luke's Council has had a key role in this challenging and sometimes hectic effort. We have at least 12 Knights and wives who are ready, willing and able to do this.

Brother Tim Nichols is coordinating this this sacred effort, and he invites you to join in this worthy and honorable assignment. How about you? Just let Tim Nichols know!

## Pray for Brothers, their Families and Spouses

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We know and pray for/about sufferings of those before us experiencing loss of spouse or loved one, rejection, health issues, job frustration, or loss, marriage problems, homelessness, etc. One way or another our prayers and discernments are answered. We are called to pray for the healing of our Brothers and their families.

Remember in particular: Dorothy Cicchetti, Linda Corsmeier, Theresa DeMarco (Frank & Rich's mom), Jo Del Donno, Ann & Bill Donnelly, Connie Esguerra, Mary Ellen Hill, Annette Jacobs, Lynne Loebach, Peter Kraehenbuehl, Sharon Matthews, Julie & Larry Meese, Lori Nussbaum, Matt Petrovick, Ron & Letty

Phillips, Jack Sobczak, Janice Tenbarga, and Michelle & Bill Wolf. If other Brothers and families want to be put on this prayer list, please tell GK Keith Kosinski.

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## Special Olympics — Opportunity to Help Special Needs

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We are teaming up for a fun volunteer opportunity. No experience needed, just an open heart!!

When: Thursday, April 23, 2020 from 8AM - 1PM

Where: Ravenscroft School, 7409 Falls of Neuse Road, Raleigh, NC 27651

All parishioners of Saint Luke (ages 14+) are welcome to volunteer. The athletes (elementary age) will be participating in different track & field events. A boxed lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

Interested? Email or call: Bill & Anne Donnelly  
919-795-9097 [annehdonnelly11@gmail.com](mailto:annehdonnelly11@gmail.com)

Please put the date on your calendar now. More details to be provided as the date draws closer.



## State Raffle: 50% Comes Back to Council 12455

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Brother Bob Bagin is heading our 2020 K of C State Raffle. You, your family, friends, co-workers, or neighbors could win one of several cash prizes. As in the past, 50% of all sales are earned for Council 12455 for each \$5.00 ticket sold. Each of you should have picked up your 5 tickets for purchase/sale.

Needless to say, this is a much needed source of cash for our Council charitable efforts such as the R.S.V.P. program outlined above.

Charity does begin at home. We ask that you sell or buy at least the five raffle tickets to support those worthy charities that the Council has elected to support.

If we sell all 600 tickets we'll have \$1,500 to consider for charitable use.

Help the cause, buy your allotment of State Raffle Tickets. You may the lucky person to win a great vacation for you and your family!

Please turn in your tickets no later than March 15. Otherwise we do not qualify for the 50/50 state/council sharing of proceeds. The drawing takes place May 2 at our State Convention.

By the way Brother Jim Kuszaj was a 2nd place winner in last year's K of C drawing. The \$4 K was put to good use we are sure!

## Pancake Breakfast — Well Attended — GK Keith

Thanks everyone for making the pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 26th a great success. This was the best-attended breakfast that I can remember. The food was excellent, including the gluten-free pan-

cakes. After expense outlays, we netted \$789 for our Council charities.

You set up, cooked, served, cleaned up very efficiently and professionally. I heard

many kind words of appreciation from parishioners.

THANK YOU!!!



## Knight Rides — Tom Lindsey

Do you want an opportunity to serve our fellow parishioners that requires *minimal effort and minimal time commitment*, yet is very rewarding and much appreciated? St. Luke **Knight Riders** give rides to and from Sunday Mass for parishioners who cannot drive themselves to church, due to either permanent or temporary limitations. As a Knight Rider, you can choose either to be one of our team of regular drivers (each assigned to drive about once a month), or a substitute/temporary driver who is will only be called upon once in a while for a temporary need. The only qualifications are a



driver's license and a caring heart! The current team of Knight Riders will tell you that they have developed wonderful relationships with our ongoing rider Eileen, and the benefits of being her 'chauffeurs' far outweigh the little bit of time they spend in service. Thanks to Brothers Don Reece, Ron Phillips and John Kupec in photo with Eileen at her birthday celebration at Milton's this past August! Orfeo Cicchetti also does the Knight Rides. Call or email Tom Lindsey to be added to the Knight Rider team! 919-649-6778; [zaysdad@yahoo.com](mailto:zaysdad@yahoo.com).

## Steven DiMassimo Ordination to Deaconate, April 18

Our seminarian, parishioner and Brother Knight Steven DiMassimo, will be ordained as Transitional Deacon on Saturday, April 18 at 10AM in Holy Name Cathedral. All Brothers are invited by Brother Steven to attend.

To prayerfully support him, please join in a novena for Steven. Pray at least one rosary for him once a week for nine weeks. You may pray before Mass or at home by yourself or with a friend or family

**The Novena began February 16 and ends on the date of ordination.**

Please pray specifically for these intentions for Stephen:

- ◆ Continued conversation and configuration to the Person of Jesus,
- ◆ For greater openness to the Holy Spirit,
- ◆ For spiritual protection and guidance,
- ◆ For the grace of purity of heart and chaste

celibacy as a future deacon and future priest,

- ◆ For consolations from the Heart of Jesus,
- ◆ For a deeper relationship with and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary,
- ◆ For recollection and peace of mind and heart.

More detailed information on Steve's ordination to come!

# Brother Knights & Friends at DC March for Life



*At least 15 of us from St. Luke's took the bus to DC for the March for Life: Dave Abell, Mike Benigno, Jim Haag, , Debbie, Josh and Tom Lindsey, Tim and Drew Nichols, Jerome Savage and kids and Manfred Stenke. Also, soon to be Deacon Brother Steve DiMassimo was in procession at the NC Bishops' Mass for Life. Steve was a Lector at the NC diocesan mass at the Basilica. Possibly others from the parish attended but were not on the bus, nor did we see them in the huge crowd of marchers.*



## From the Grand Knight

Dear Brothers,

The Lenten season is a time of reflection and penance as we anticipate the Easter celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Our Parish and Council offer many ways Brothers can prepare for Easter with the traditional opportunities of fasting, almsgiving and prayers. Please consider joining in the following:

- Stations of the Cross each Friday at 6:00PM followed by a soup supper - This Friday, our K of C Council is responsible for the soup, salad and bread.
- GreenerLent fasting for sacrifice and a better environment – its not too late
- The Lenten Mission on March 12th & 13th
- Lenten Retreat on March 28th
- Chrism Mass - our Council prepares the Holy Oils during this solemn service April 7th at the Cathedral number of K of C Council service programs are also upcoming, especially the highway clean-up this Saturday at 8:30AM , our Food for Families drive the weekend of March 21st and 22<sup>nd</sup>, and support of the Special Olympics youth track and field day on April 23rd through both donations and volunteering.

I hope you will all consider participating in these or other Lenten prayer, sacrifice and service with your fellow Brother Knights. I especially welcome the nine new Brothers to our Council to join with us. Please call me at 919-622-0585 if you need information about any activity.

As other Knights often do, I sign usually sign my letters and emails with "Vivat Jesus." I wish you and your families health and joy this Easter as we celebrate "Jesus Lives!"

Vivat Jesus, Keith

# Knights and Families of Month

## December FOM Brother Tim Nichols

Brother Tim has been a Knight for about 7 years and is among our most active Knights! As Family Director, he has led us in four service programs including the most recent – the Consecration to the Holy Family. Beyond this, Tim joins in nearly all our parish social functions and participates in other service programs as well, such as Habitat. He also does activities outside the Knights such as the Journeymen, a men’s adult faith formation.

Tim’s wife, Staci, is a cantor/choir member at the church and their four children are also active. Drew, a Brother Knight, helps with Carpe Diem youth ministry as well as being a Cantor, Lector and choir member. Daughter Megan also is a Cantor, choir member and flute soloist. The other children help in various ways including as altar servers.

Sometimes, when I think I might be too busy to take on a Knights’ activity, I think of Tim, who works a job, has a large family and still has time to help. Thanks Brother Tim, you and your family are a great example to us all!



## December KOM Brother Jim Hill.



Jim joined the Knights in 2011, and is a 4<sup>th</sup> degree Sir Knight.

For the last few years, Jim has organized our Operation Lamb fundraiser. It is through his leadership, that we have created one of the most successful fundraisers among the Raleigh area councils. This is no small task! Based on our Op Lamb’s success, we have been able to donate over \$5,000 this year to special needs persons -- this includes our new program to financially support the Wake County Special Olympics and volunteer at the local track and field events.

Jim also is a regular volunteer at Habitat for Humanity. Which leads me to a special award this year which I will call the “bent nail” award. During this year’s build we had a particular difficulty with rework on a eave area. Jim climbed right up and was able to solve it, but not with some effort! Jim has supported our Council in many other ways which I will not list, including our recent wheelchair effort which he initiated.

Thanks Jim, for all you do for the Knights and the people we serve!

## January 2020 KOM Brother Joe Jacobs

Joe is a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knight and a very active member of St. Luke’s parish and of our Council. As everyone knows, Joe serves as our Council’s Worthy Treasurer and has been very involved working with Brother Jim Cuffney FS on the annual audit. Beyond those duties, he is also the liaison for Catholic Parish Outreach and very active in CPO drives at St. Luke’s. Joe volunteers weekly at CPO with fellow Knights giving of his time and talents to help others. In addition, Joe is a minister of hospitality, normally serving at the 5:30 mass on Saturdays, and his wife Cheryl is very involved in the ministry for nursing homes. Something you may not know about Joe – he is considered the “handyman for Fr. Rob”. Joe is there to answer the call for anything needed by Father, and similarly, is always willing to assist in the needs of our Council and the parish. We know we can always count on Joe to answer the call.

Thank you, Joe for your service and leadership.



# Global Wheelchair Mission



Our Council just initiated participation in the K of C Faith in Action service program to provide wheelchairs for those in need. We began the Global Wheelchair Mission by making a contribution of funds from our local fundraisers to buy a wheelchair for a person in need directly through the Mission program. As a Council, we also helped our Brother Josh Lindsey with a new manual wheelchair for his use. As you know, Josh does important work with the CBR for LIFE by witnessing on college campuses among his other efforts. At a recent Council meeting, he thanked us for our support.

The Council plans to expand the program next year with the hope of at least 10 new wheelchairs.

# Council Programs and Leaders (March 2020)

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## **Program Director – Jim Haag**

Newsletter

## **Membership – Rick Beebe**

Membership Drives

First Degree Team -- Jim Haag

## **\*Life – Jerome Savage**

\* Pregnancy Center Support —

Outreach For Truth —Bill Schultz

Birth Choice support

40 Days — prayer at abortion facilities

\* Novena for Life — Jerome Savage

\* Marches for Life

\* Mass for People with SNs — Josh Lindsey

Operation Lamb – Jim Hill

## **\*Family Activities – Tim Nichols**

\* Family of Month/Year —Keith Kosinski

\* Consecration to Holy Family — Drew Nichols

Church Picnic — Frank Sancineto, Jr.

2 Dances — Chris Taurence

2 Dinners

4 Communion Breakfasts Matt Aremia

Social Gatherings —Frank Sancineto, Jr.

Vita Nova — Drew Nichols

Altar Servers - Dave Sofra

\* Food for Families — Joe Jacobs/Joe Huray

\* Keep Christ In Christmas — Chris Mitta

## **\*Faith – Vacant**

RCIA – Jeff Spears

Council/ Corporal Masses— Jeff Spears

• RSVP - Keith Kosinski

\* Into the Breach —

Knights in Journeymen

\* Spiritual Reflection

Men’s Ignatian Retreat — Jim Haag

\* Holy Hour—Don Struckmeyer

\* Adoration Hours — Jorge Esguerra

\* Rosary — Orfeo Cicchetti

\* Sacramental Gifts — Jeff Spears

## **\*Community — Jim Hoyle**

Adopt-a-Highway – Dave Abell

Veterans –

\* Coats for Kids — Jim Hoyle

\* Special Olympics — Bill Donnelly

\* Helping Hands – Dennis Moya

Prison Ministry — Dave Abell

Wheelchair Mission — Jim Hoyle

Family Support Team — Steve Stokes

Oak City Ministry — Mike Struble

Knight Rides — Tom Lindsey

Visiting Brothers — Jim Haag

\* Habitat for Humanity — Tim Nichols

*Asterisks indicate Council 12455  
“Faith in Action” initiatives.*