

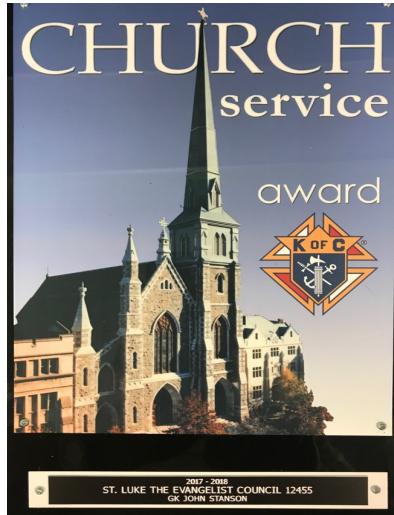


St. Luke the Evangelist Council #12455 Raleigh

K of C State Church Award

In the past, State K of C recognized 20 councils in each service program for outstanding participation. The 20 awards consisted of the top 5 from each of the 4 divisions. This year, State recognized only one council for each rather than 20 councils.

We won this prestigious honor. A description, of St. Luke's award follows and was read before the state convention, May 5.



THE STORY: In January 2014, a young man set his own house on fire, crashed through the front doors of our church, vandalized it, set it on fire, and

then committed suicide. It was a tragic event that shook our parish community. Our pastor had just been assigned to our parish a few months earlier. Nonetheless, he took charge of the tragedy with a truly Christian attitude. He reached out with compassion to the young man's family. He arranged for temporary worship space in neighborhood churches. He did whatever he could to keep the parish together.

The Knights of Columbus assisted where possible to maintain unity within the parish. One Brother donated the use of his funeral home chapel for Mass. Brother Knights helped with parking and moving supplies to the location. A few weeks after the fire, the parish hall was transformed into the worship space. This curtailed activities for the Council, but we adapted to the restrictions. The pastor requested the Council to continue parish dances to provide opportunities for fellowship. The dances were held on Friday evenings to accommodate church schedules, with extra support from Knights to setup and restore the space.

In 2016, our parish embarked on a capital campaign to raise money to build a new church. Many Knights served on various committees to solicit funds, work with architect, designers, insurance companies and the builder. For example, the president of the parish

council and one of the primary interfaces to the builder was a Knight. The chairman of the finance committee was a Knight. Acoustic requirements came from the music ministry, of which several were Knights. As part of the capital campaign, the Council also contributed \$7,500 to a naming opportunity to provide the cross atop the church. This was over and above what many Brothers already contributed individually.

Finally, on October 21, 2017, the newly appointed Bishop Luis Raphael Zarama celebrated the Dedication Mass for the new church. The Knights provided an honor guard. They helped with hospitality ministry and parking. They set up the parish hall for a reception and cleaned up afterwards.

Through the tragedy and the aftermath, the parish proved that with God's help, we can overcome any challenges. The Knights of Columbus Council demonstrated that its Brothers are integral in the fabric of the parish, and that through prayer, personal sacrifice, and financial support, we can achieve anything.

The winner of the Church service program for 2017-2018 in North Carolina is St. Luke the Evangelist Council 12455 in Raleigh, Grand Knight John Stanson.

Mark the Dates

Council Meeting, Wednesdays, July 11 and August 1. Pre Meeting receptions 6:30 PM.

Brother Peter Kraehenbuehl Birthday Party, Saturday July 14, Brother Jim Haag's House, 1-5 PM.

Council Mass, Sunday, July 26 at 9 AM. Offered for the intention of our Knights and their families.

Council First Degree Exemplification. Monday, July 30, 7:30 PM. Candidate orientation at 7 PM.

Assumption of Our Lady, Wednesday, August 15.

24th Birth Choice Run for life , Saturday, August 18, Wake Med Soccer Park, Cary NC, 8 AM 1 Mile Fun Run; 8:30 AM 5K Run.

Highway Pick-up. Saturday, September 8, 8:30 – 9:30 AM, See Dave Abell in church parking lot.

Burger Bash for Vita Nova/Carpe Diem, a Sunday in September TBA.

Catechist Appreciation. Sunday, in September TBA, Serve donuts/coffee after 9AM mass.

Operation Lamb. Saturdays and Sundays, Wal-Mart, Triangle Mall, September 22-23 and October 20-21.

Council Corporate Mass, Sunday, October 7, 9AM. Knights to honor deceased Brothers through attendance and liturgical ministries.

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State Award: Charity — John Stanson, GK

Each year, the State K of C recognizes local councils, based on their cumulative participation in the Knights' service programs - Church, Community, Council, Youth, Membership, Culture of Life, and Operation LAMB. The first level achieved is called the Fraternity Award, The next level is the Unity Award. The top honor, for the most active councils, is the Charity Award. I am pleased to announce that our St Luke's Council was recognized with the Charity Award.

Among St. Luke's Council's numerous charitable programs and project expenses are: Seminarian Support (RSVP), Birth Choice, Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, Love My Life Youth Rally, Fortnight for Freedom, Catholic Parish Outreach, Prison Ministry, Youth Program, and Veterans' Services. Additionally many Brothers help to solicit funds for services to mentally impaired and disabled (Op. Lamb), and volunteer to help in community programs such as Special Olympics, Adopt a Highway, Oak City Outreach and Family Support Circle programs. Our Brothers are involved in many other charitable activities and service or support efforts too numerous to detail and even to know about.



May 18-20, Men's Retreat — Jim Haag



We had a full house of 32 men prayerfully participating in St. Luke's Council sponsored Men's Ignatian Retreat May 18-20 at Avila Retreat Center. (See Group picture) Men from 15 diocesan parishes attended. Seven St. Luke's men made the silent retreat weekend, including Brothers Benigno, Chapman, Efthemis, Haag, and Lindsey as well as parishioners David O'Grady and Tony Parsons.

We sent the Maryland Province Jesuits an honorarium/contribution in appreciation for Fr. Peter Ryan, S.J.'s direction of this spiritual growth experience. St. Raphael's Adult Formation program paid for Father's traveling expenses. Deacon Phil at Avila Retreat Center also thanked us for our contributions to Avila Center and its employees who served us throughout the weekend.

Most importantly, we learned to earnestly and consistently pray for the discernment of God's plan for each of us and Fr. Ryan taught us various approaches to evaluate our discernments. Please pray for Fr. Peter's ministry at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. And keep in prayer our retreatants, for their continued discernment of God's plan for their lives.

Pray for Brothers, their Families and Spouses

Remember to pray for the healing of Brothers and their families: particularly for Linda and Gary Corsmeier, Sara and Dave Abell, and Jan & Bob Beasley. Remember also: Carren, Orfeo & Dorothy Cicchetti, JoAnn & Tom Colopy, Jo & Nick Del Donno, Anne & Bill Donnelly, Charlotte & Mike Fober, Peter Kraehenbuehl, Sibyl & John Kupec, Julie & Larry Meese, and Michelle & Bill Wolf. We also pray for Matt Petrovick, Alex Kauer, Jack Sobczak, Kelly & Tom Sullivan, and Denise Tomczak, all suffering the loss of loved ones.

Should other Brothers and families want to be put on our prayer list, please tell GK Keith Kosinski.

Families of the Month, Year — Knights of the Month, Year

Knight of Month - Dave Olechovsky

Dave is a 2nd degree Brother, 7 years with the Order. Dave has recently accepted the position as parish council president. He is a lecturer on the Liturgical Ministry.

He and his wife, Kathleen, also run the Wednesday night bible study classes.



Knight of the Year - Tim Nichols

Tim is a 2nd degree Brother, who has been with the Order for about 5 years. He and his family are very active in the St Luke parish. Tim can be found at almost every Knight event, whether it's serving at the parish picnics, youth burger bashes, catechist appreciation, or as member of the Journeymen. He is a humble man who does not seek acclaim. He quietly attends and supports Council events as well as parish events. Tim sets a positive and Godly example for this family and Council Brothers. He and his children participate in OP LAMB, Habitat for Humanity, and Highway cleanup. Tim is very supportive of the youth in the diocesan Love my Life Rallies and March for Life.

Tim's oldest son, Drew, is a seminarian at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Michael, Megan, and Makenna are altar servers. Tim's wife, Staci, cantors and sings with the choir, and Megan has joined, playing the flute — all faithful and dedicated members of our parish.



Family of Month - Joe and Cheryl Jacobs

Joe is a 3rd degree Brother, 23 years with the Order. He and Joe Hurray are the St Luke co-coordinators for Catholic Parish Outreach. Joe serves at CPO regularly, and also coordinates the food drives at our parish. He serves on the parish council and is a minister of hospitality. Joe is the incoming Treasurer of our Council. I'm told that Joe is also Father Rob's personal technical assistant, an interesting position indeed.

Cheryl is the nursing home coordinator. She also is a Eucharistic minister at masses.

Family of the Year - William and Anne Donnelly

Our family of the year is truly a special family, contributing so much to our Council, parish and community, and also giving us strength by the example of their dedication and perseverance.

Bill is a 4th degree Sir Knight and past Council Recorder. He is a member of the Legion of Mary and Journeymen, both ministries that seek to strengthen spiritual growth while also demonstrating growth through prayer and charitable works in the community. In the first half of 2017, Bill visited and brought Communion to sick parishioners. He worked downtown at the Homeless Shelter and has volunteered at Special Olympics in NC. He organized and headed the Chrism Mass on behalf of St. Luke's with fellow Knights. When the Council sponsored an event, he was certain to be there and cook whenever the opportunity presented itself. He also led the rosary for morning masses such as first Saturday of the month and May crowning outdoors.

He even picked up flowers for church events.

Bill and his wife, Anne, were both Ministers of Hospitality and Eucharistic Ministers. Anne was a member of the Legion of Mary and the Hospital Ministry. She led the decorating committee to prepare the church for Holy Days, on rotation to wash the church linens and responded willingly to other requests by the pastor. As a couple, they coordinated the May Marriage celebration for St Luke's parish.

In the second half of 2017, Anne and Bill relocated to New York State to care for the Anne's aging parents. This involved changing jobs and leaving their local family and friends, but they demonstrated the best way to

"Honor their Mother and Father". Little did they know that their challenges were only beginning.

In September, Anne's parents celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. However, that same month, her dad was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. His health declined rapidly. As if that wasn't enough, later that same month, Bill suffered a serious stroke. He required brain surgery to stop the hemorrhage. While Bill was still undergoing the initial treatment and therapy, Anne's dad passed away on his 87th birthday.

The stress upon the family was incredible, but they reached out to God for support through these trying times. Anne frequently shared updates with our Council, providing us with news on the physical and mental progress of her husband. The Council responded with prayers and encouragement, but it was she that truly encouraged us and strengthened us with her resolute and unflinching faith in Jesus Christ. She demonstrated unwavering commitment to Bill and to her faith, not to mention to her mother who was still grieving from the loss of her own husband.

Bill and Anne moved back to Raleigh earlier this year. They both look forward to seeing their friends and fellow parishioners at St. Luke's.

He is still undergoing therapy, and please continue to keep him and Anne in our prayers. We are truly blessed to witness their devotion to each other and to God. I am proud to announce Bill and Anne Donnelly as this year's Family of the Year.



Council Officers Installed June 22

Our newly elected Council officers were officially commissioned by District Director David Dubis on Tuesday June 12. The ceremony took place in St. Luke's sanctuary. Each officer was officially commissioned and presented with the medallion of office by their spouse. Fr. Rob opened and closed the ceremony by prayer.

After installation, our new officers, wives and Brothers and guests ad-

joined to Milton's for a dinner and social event. Pizza was a main dish and all enjoyed the salad bar and service at that venue. Congratulations to our newly elected officers:

Grand Knight - Keith Kosinski
Deputy GK - Jeffery Spears
Chancellor—William Lathram
Advocate - Bob Beasley
Warden - Jim Hill
Outside Guard - Tom Lindsey

Inside Guard - James Cuffney
Treasurer - Joe Jacobs
Recorder - Chris Taurence
1-Year Trustee - John Bihlmeyer
2-Year Trustee - Dave Dubis
3-Year Trustee - John Stanson.

Father Rob is Chaplain, Mike Benigno is Financial Secretary and Jerome Savage is Lector.



First Degree Exemplification at St. Luke's, July 30

Here is opportunity to ask that friend of yours to become a Knight of Columbus. Many Catholic gentlemen who are not Knights attend Saturday and Sunday masses. Perhaps they may be discerning how best to contribute their efforts to church, community, family, pro life, youth and

other worthy efforts. In effect, some are already doing the work of Knighthood, but are not yet members of our Order. Have they even been asked to join our Brotherhood?

All that is needed is a Form 100 and possibly they can be inducted into Knighthood

promptly. Now is the time to probe their interest in the K of C.

Our First Degree Ceremonial Team will confer the first step in Knighthood at 7:30 PM on Monday, July 30 in our meeting room at St. Luke's. Come join us to welcome new Brothers to our Council.

Happy Birthday Peter K., July 14

Our friend and Sir Knight Peter Kraehenbuehl resides at Crescent Green in Carrboro, about 30 miles away from St. Luke's. Peter has MS and is confined to a power chair and mostly to his assisted living facility room. His personal space is shared by his high tech instruments, personal items and amazing Lego creations.

Needless to say there isn't much room left to move around his limited living environment. See picture — next page.

Several Brothers and others visit Peter monthly, and he greatly appreciates this encouragement and interaction. Peter's birthday is July 16, and we are throwing a

party for him at the Haags' house on Saturday July 14, 1 to 5 PM.

Please come and renew your acquaintance with our friend and former FS. If you can join us, call Jim at 919-841-5817, so we can make arrangements.

K of C Baseball, Visiting Peter & Council Open Meeting



Above: St. Luke's Brothers Hill and Abell , with full team and family athletes at our fun game with St. Francis Council Brothers.

Right: Excited Spectators at fun game!

Below: Brother Haag with Peter K. in his room at Crescent Green Assisted Living in Carrboro.

Below right: Brothers Nichols, Savage, Mendez and Garcia, at Council's June 6 open meeting. Welcome to Brother Luis Garcia who became a Knight in March.





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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

From the Grand Knight

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VIVAT JESU

As we begin the new fraternal year, with a new slate of recently-inducted officers, I just want to say that it has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Grand Knight for the past 2 years. The Knights of Columbus is a fantastic organization serving our Church and community, often anonymously and without any fanfare. Our Council continues to demonstrate that we are integral in the fabric of our parish. You, our Brothers, serve on numerous parish committees, lead and participate in many ministries, and offer your time, talents, and treasures in the service of God and His Church on earth. The state Church Award that we received for the rebuilding of our beautiful worship space, is just one example of the depth of your involvement in the St. Luke community. I am amazed each month by our Knight of the Month and Family of the Month recipients. Your self-sacrifice and dedication to others is astounding. Although we recognize only two Brothers/families each month, I know that many more of you continue to serve your community. You are witnesses to God's love day in and day out. You set the examples as fine Catholic gentlemen, for your families and friends. I look forward to continue the camaraderie that we share as Brothers. I thank you for the opportunity to gather as Catholic men, to share our joys with laughter, and to comfort each other in times of pain, above all, to help each other become better men, better husbands and better fathers.

I congratulate the new officers as they begin their journey. I know that they, under the guidance of our new worthy Grand Knight, Keith Kosinski, will leave their mark on our Council and make us all proud to be Brothers of the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesu,
John Stanson

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Honorary members - 65 years old + 25 consecutive years

- Arvin Brown
- Richard Hobb

Honorary Life members - All priests

- Rev. Fr. Matthew Baugh - Missioned to Boston College
- Rev. Fr. Don Maloney - On leave from Parish Assignment
- Rev. Fr. Rob Staley - Pastor at St Luke the Evangelist

Honorary Life members - 70 years old + 25 consecutive years

- David Abell
- Elmer (Jim) Brett
- Nicholas Del Donno Jr
- Rodger Ewbank
- Ray Heatherington
- Eugene Hosey
- Cyril Miller
- Donald Scott
- Syl Tenbarga