



St. Luke the Evangelist Council #12455 Raleigh

God's Creation and Our Place in it

St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuit order, recommends in the 20th annotation of his *Spiritual Exercises* that a participant on retreat will “benefit himself the more he separates himself from friends and acquaintances and from all earthly care.”

The Saint stresses that, from this isolation, “three chief benefits, among many others, follow.” The first is that the separation helps to “serve and praise God, our Lord,” and this “merits no little in the sight of his Divine Majesty.”

The second is that, being thus isolated, “and not having his understanding divided on many things, but concentrating his care on one only, namely, on serving his Creator and benefiting his own soul, he uses with greater freedom his natural powers, in seeking with diligence what he so much desires.”

The third chief benefit, he says, is that “the more our soul finds itself alone and isolated, the more apt it makes itself to approach and to reach its Creator and Lord; and the more it so approaches him, the more it disposes itself to receive graces and gifts from his Divine and Sovereign Goodness.”

Pope Francis, a Jesuit, said a good course of spiritual exercises helps those who participate to develop an “unconditional adherence to Christ” and to “understand that prayer is the irreplaceable means of union with him crucified.”

This year is our tenth Men’s Ignatian Retreat. St. Luke’s and St. Raphael’s Council join in sponsoring “God’s Creation and our Place In It,” a silent men’s retreat at Avila Retreat Center, 711 Mason Rd., Durham. It starts Friday (5/19) at 5 PM and closes Sunday (5/21) around noon, so retreatants are home early Sunday afternoon.

As Catholic men faced with family and work challenges in this secular environment -- we need quiet time with Our Living God. In silence, solitude and prayer the Lord will help us to discern His plan for us and for those entrusted to us.

Father Peter Murray, S.J. Parochial Vicar at St. Raphael’s will direct this as he has other retreats over his years as a Jesuit. He will focus this one on: our hearts and God’s creation, sin and its harmful effects, God’s free gift of grace, Jesus’ greatest gift, and our job caring for the earth and its people. All of this to be presented in the context of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises.

See the Men’s Ignatian retreat information is on the last page of this Newsletter.

Mark the Dates

Council Meetings Wednesdays, 7:30 PM, April 5 and May 3. There will be a pre meeting receptions starting at 6:45 PM.

3rd Degree Exemplification. Saturday, April 8, St. Francis Council #9709 to host.

Diocesan Chrism Mass. St. Michael the Archangel in Cary, Tuesday, April 11.

Council Mass. For Council Brothers and their families, Saturday, April 22, 5:30 PM. Please wear Council shirts and badges.

Catholic Parish Outreach Pig Pickin’. Saturday, April 29, 3:30 to 7:30 PM at CPO on N. Raleigh Blvd.

Council Membership Drive. Weekends of April 22-23 and 29-30. Ask a Catholic buddy to consider joining.

Open Council Meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 PM, May 3. This will be a barbeque, social and information meeting. Bring a friend. Starts at 6:30- 7 PM.

State K of C Convention, May 5-7, Sheridan Imperial, Durham.

Council’s Men’s Ignatian Retreat, May 19-21, Avila Retreat Center in Durham,. See article above and page7

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www.usccb.org

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State K of C Convention May 5-7 in Durham

The 2017 North Carolina Knights of Columbus State Convention will be held from Friday, May 5th through mid-day Sunday, May 7th at the Sheridan Imperial in Durham. The State Convention gives Brother Knights the opportunity to gather and elect our State Officers, influence state wide programs, honor our distinguish members and councils, and meet fellow Knights and their families from all over the state. It is a forum where you can develop new relationships, share and learn new ideas, go to Mass together, eat together, renew our enthusiasm and just have fun.

Friday night there will be a Knights' meeting, local entertainment and various open houses in the hotel. Saturday will focus on the State business,, awards luncheon, the state raffle drawing, activities for ladies and youth, afternoon mass followed by reception, dinner and hospitality rooms.

Why not come and meet Brother Knights from across the State? While you must be a delegate to vote in the business meeting , you can come and observe without any charge. There are charges for the awards luncheon and banquet. However, you are welcome to come to the hospitality rooms at any time they are open.

Return State Raffle Tickets by April 16 — Mike Benigno, FS

Tickets for the State Raffle are \$5 each and our Council gets half this amount as a return from State to support our Council charities. However, this "kickback" is only good until the Due date: Sunday, April 16, 2017. After this date Councils no longer get the \$2.50 share.

To date we've distributed 300 tickets to roth-ers to sell to family and friends. We've sold 134 of them..... Another 58 were sold at masses last weekend. So we're at 192 total sales, 50% is ours, \$480.00 in the treasury. Brothers who still have tickets please keep in mind the deadline. The easiest way to get stubs and payments to our FS, Mi-

chael Benigno, is to place them in an envelope addressed to him in the K of C mail slot in the copy room adjacent to the gather space or just bring them to our upcoming business meeting this Wednesday, April 5th

Brothers, if you haven't been around in a while, come to the premeeting reception t 7 PM for food and yammering.....

Funny Valentine Dance Fund Raiser — Mike Benigno, FS

Brothers, Thank You, all.....

Everyone pulled together to make it a very good night. Socially, parishioners, friends, teens, especially the teens had a great time. The music was great, desserts, drinks, the ambiance all worked to make it special.

It is a joy to see all the youth enjoying Rollin's High Society Band performance and doing great steps and twirls on the dance floor.

I want to especially thank the Corsmei-ers. Linda is a great decorator. Every table had a unique and fitting Valentine centerpiece. With Gary's and the Dubis's

help we were able to decorate in record time and saved it all for recycling.

As usual, we setup, broke down and cleaned up very efficiently. Many Brothers, parishioners, and young men who attended chipped in.

Moms and Dads should be proud.....

Leadership in Community Programs

Community service activities are under-way or are planned. We appreciate the example of Brother David Abell who started or coordinates several of these worthy efforts.

This spring Dave initiated a project to restore the upholstered seats now in the worship area. The seats tear due to sun exposure and use; so Brothers Kupec and Haag removed the seats and backs off the and Dave applied new material to refurbish the seats.

Probably more than 70 seats have been fixed. And many more need attention. Of

course they could be sent out to an uphol-tery business, but this would be very expensive.

Dave does the reupholstering himself, but much time and help is needed just to take off the seats and replace the refurbished seat. — all takes time but a couple of hours donated goes a long way!

Dave also heads the adopt a highway pickup quarterly - on the Saturday after our Council Meeting . We cover most of Six Forks Rd. from Possum Track to I - 540. The last pick up was on March 11. Thanks to Brothers Donnelly, Hill,

Knudson, Nichols, Tom Savage (Jerome's son) and Stanson. Needless to say, two hours of your volunteered time on a Saturday makes short work of cleaning up about six miles of highway.

Dave is also involved in the prison minist-ry which can always use Knights in-volvement and engagement. For exam-ple, John Kupec and Dave will partici-pate in a three day Short Journey spiritual retreat April 4-6 in Unit 3 (Death Row) Central Prison. Dave and John ask for your prayers for the residents and team members during the retreat.

Council Elections and Program Opportunities -- John Stanson, GK

We elect Council Officers in June. Our Nominating Committee again is seeking who would like to be considered for election to an officer position. To be an officer you must be at least a third degree Knight. Give Frank Sancineto, Jr. your nominations for officer post. It is healthy to have competition for Council offices.

We encourage Brothers' participation and leadership in our Council's many pro-

grams. Why not suggest or lead new respect life, youth, community, family, church or other Council initiatives? Are you at a point in life when you see need for or aspire to lead a good work (s)? Step up and lead our Council in 2017 and beyond.

Brother Knights, are you available, interested, willing, and ready to engage? Our existing Church and Council programs

can use help. Some examples: youth ministry, Journeyman, Operation Lamb, Peter Visitation, Knight Riders, CPO, Outreach for Truth, Council recruitment,, music ministry, Early AM hour at Perpetual Adoration chapels, Ignatian Retreat, and many more opportunities. Where might the Lord telling you to step out and serve?

Peter Krahenbuehl Visiting Team -- Jim Haag

Peter lives in a private room s at Chrystal Green in Carrboro — about a half hour's drive from St. Luke's. Our Brothers visitations have fallen off in the last few months.

Visiting the infirmed are Corporal Works of Mercy and worthy and gratifying ac-

tions to serve and help persons in need. Let me know if you can visit our friend Peter. I will give you details and directions.

If you are unable to visit, keep him in your prayers. His life is an example of suffering, particularly to those of us blessed by

the gift of good health. Peter always enjoys calls from friends and visitors to come and see him.

Finally, why not team up with a Brother Knight and go to visit our Brother Peter?

Peter is a Sir Knight and the former Financial Secretary of St. Luke's Council.

Knight and Families of Month

January — Supreme Family of the Month - Andy and Kristy Sasak

Supreme selects 100 FOM winners each month from all entries submitted. As winners, Andy, Kristy and their family were awarded a special Holy Family Gift for their home. Note: Andy and Kristy were recognized as our Council's January Family of the Month in the February March Council #12455 Newsletter.

February Knight of the Month - David Sofra

Dave is a 4th degree Sir Knight. He is a past Council Recorder

and has been known to fill in when the recorder is unavailable. Dave is cantor in the music ministry, coordinates the altar servers, and volunteers for adopt-a-highway.

February Family of the Month - Dave and Kathleen Olechovsky

Dave is a 2nd degree Knight. He is part of the Pastoral Council and lecturer on the Liturgical Ministry. Kathleen is on the Confirmation Team and Hospital Ministry. Both of them run the Wednesday Bible Study.

Advancement—Key to Knighthood

Congratulations to Brother Ron Batten who received the honor of full Knighthood in the Third Degree on February 4 at Fr. Price Council and to Sir Knight Bill Lathram who experienced the 4th Degree Exemplification at Holy Cross in Kernersville on March 25.

Some of our Brothers have not yet advanced in degree. The First Degree is the Admission Degree. First Degrees need to become active in our Council even if their time is limited. Get to know who your Brothers are and get involved in at least one or two activities

of the Council. If you are not willing to do this, why did you join the Order? It's also important that you acquire an understanding and appreciation of Knighthood in the fullest sense by advancing through the higher degrees as well, taking to heart the lessons that each one teaches.

Our degree ceremonies remain highly relevant, because they play a key role in establishing a common culture among Knights as Catholic gentlemen. Each of our degree ceremonies explores one important aspect of our core values and how we approach our shared commit-

ment to charity, unity, and fraternity. The Patriotic Degree emphasizes patriotism.

Twenty-three of our approximately 130 Brothers need to consider advancing to 2nd or of full Knighthood in the 3rd degree. If you are one of the 23, it's time to move up.

Second Degrees: Note: St. Francis is hosting a Third Degree Exemplification April 8. Tell GK John Stanson if you are willing and able to move up to full Knighthood in the 3rd Degree at this convenient venue.

CPO's Pig Pickin', Saturday April 29 -- Joe Huray, Joe Jacobs

To raise necessary funds Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) will hold its annual Open House and Pig Pickin' to support CPO's mission to Feed the Hungry. This event takes place on Saturday, April 29. There are two goals: to raise money for our hungry and to increase awareness of what CPO does in our community. Tours of our facility will take place at the event.

This year we are seeking sponsors for the event to defray the cost and raise money for the hungry of our area. Thanks again to our Council 12455 for sponsorship and donation of \$250 to help put on this fundraising event .

We also are reaching out to all local K of

C Councils seeking their support by sponsoring the event. We hope to get all Knights behind the great work that CPO does.

St. Luke's Knights have always been strong supporters of CPO. In particular, thanks to Brothers Mike Benigno, Jim Cuffney, Keith Kosinski, Ken Low, Josh Lindsey and Syl Tenbarge for their regular and ongoing help at CPO :

We invite our St. Luke's Council Knights and families to attend the event on Saturday, April 29, from 3:30 till 7:30 PM at the CPO location on N. Raleigh Blvd. It's a great way to have a good BBQ dinner, to see the CPO facility and to support feeding

our Raleigh area's hungry.

Fantastic results for the last 2 week's St. Luke "Feed A Family" food drive. Your parish donated 1,272 pounds of groceries and \$6,360 for families in need! Attached is letter we are mailing to Fr. Rob, and please thank your parish on our behalf.

Your devotion to CPO is a great blessing to the families we serve! Thank you so much!

, Thanks again for your consideration and

Council Programs and Leaders -- Jim Haag, Program Director

Council: John Bihlmeyer

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Communications and Awards
Scrapbook/
Newsletter -- Jim Haag
Field Agent (Insurance)

Youth: Felipe Mendez

Vita Nova
Alter Servers – Dave Sofra

Family: Frank Sancineto, Jr.

Church Picnic
Dances & Parties
Social Gatherings

Church: Jeff Spears

Keep Christ in Christmas – Keith Kosinski
RCIA - Jeff Spears
Vocations/Seminarians
Breaking Bread with Father - Orfeo Cicchetti
Corporate Masses

Community: John Stanson

Adopt-a-Highway - Dave Abell
Operation Lamb – Jim Hill

Assist Those in Need --

Peter Visitation -- Jim Haag
Veterans – Dan Tomczak
Catholic Parish Outreach -- Joe Huray and Joe Jacobs
Journemen – Mike Struble

Membership: Bob Beasley

Membership Drives
Form 100 Council Review
First Degree Team, Jim Haag
Mentors (Buddy Program)

Pro-Life: Bill Schultz and Dave Dubis

Outreach for Truth
Marches for Life
40 Days for Life



From the Grand Knight

Family of the Year - 2017

Our Council's Family of the Year is the Savage family. Jerome is a 4th degree Sir Knight and his wife, , stands by his side, as do their children, Tommy (16), Allison (13), Nicholas (11), Samuel (8), Katherine (6) and Henry (5). They deserve to be honored as the NC Family of the Year as they exemplify the principles, character and spirit of a Catholic family striving to serve the Lord and His community.

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Brother Jerome is the current Council Lecturer. He and his family lead and participate in numerous activities within the council, parish and community. He is the Coordinator for Adult Leaders of Carpe Diem (Middle school) youth group, co-leader of the parish's Monday night family rosary group, lector for Mass liturgy, and sings with the Knights at quarterly council Masses. Jerome was key in promoting the Fortnight for Freedom events within the parish and served at the reception for Bishop's Burbidge's kickoff Mass.

Melissa leads the Parish Hall & Kitchen ministry and Holy Rosary before all weekend Masses. She was a speaker recently at the "Immaculate Heart of Mary" Catholic home-schooling national conference in Boston, and is co-author of "Planting the Seeds of Faith".

The Savage children, aged 5-15, are also very visible in the parish. They all helped bake and bag cookies for prison ministry. Two of them are altar servers, two are hospitality ministers . . . They are wonderful examples for the parish.

We are blessed to have Jerome Savage as one of our brothers and friends at St Luke's Council 12455 in Raleigh, NC.

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Knight of the Year - 2017

Our Council's Knight of the Year candidate is a prime example of a humble Catholic gentlemen who serves his Council, his Church, and his community.

Brother Keith Kosinski is a 3rd degree Knight and current Treasurer of our Council. He regularly attends and provides additional leadership to officer's meetings and business meetings. He participates in Council activities, such as our fundraiser dances, cook outs, youth recognition events, Operation LAMB and weekly volunteer service at Catholic Parish Outreach. He also coordinates all Council activity that requires use of church facilities.

In recent years Keith has become our pastor's right hand man, serving him through various capacities in and out of the Council. Our parish church building was destroyed by a fire in 2014. For two years, the parish and diocese (along with the insurance company) evaluated options to repair or rebuild the sanctuary. The eventual decision was made to tear down the existing structure and rebuild an entirely new church building. Brother Keith was instrumental in assisting our pastor and coordinating the design, fundraising and construction of the new church. Throughout this time, our brother's involvement included:

- 6 years on Parish Pastoral Council - current chairman
- Previous member and chairman of Parish Finance Council
- Current and prior three years as chairman of Bishops Annual Appeal at our parish
- Current member of Raleigh Diocese Building and Real Estate Commission
- Member of Parish Stewardship Committee

The new church building construction is well underway and will be dedicated on October 21, 2017. This would not be possible without many peoples' efforts, sacrifices, generosity and prayers. Keith is one of those key contributors to this success. In addition to the above contributions and volunteering weekly at the Catholic Parish Outreach food pantry, this brother continues to serve the community by also helping to coordinate parish-wide food drives to inspire service from fellow parishioners.

We are grateful to call Keith Kosinski one of our Brothers and one of our friends at St Luke's Council 12455 in Raleigh, NC. He truly exemplifies the principles of the Order and deserves to be honored as the NC Knight of the Year.

ETHICS & PROFITABILITY - Michael McDonough, FA

Father McGivney's motivation for founding the Knights of Columbus in 1882 had both religious and financial components. He wanted to safeguard the faith – *and the finances* – of Catholic families.

Modern Catholic social teaching took into account the rapidly changing world of commerce with Pope Leo XIII's encyclical *Rerum Novarum* in 1891. Prior to his election as Pope Benedict XVI, in the 1980s Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger warned that without an ethical foundation, market economies would collapse. **So, can a business be both ethical and successful? YES.** And people know it.

The Order has led by example both in charitable giving (\$1.5 billion in the last 10 years) and in our ability to run a successful business enterprise based on Catholic social teaching since 1882. But for Christians, "quality" must always include the quality of a corporation's moral compass. At the Knights of Columbus, that means that our investment standards rule out investing in companies that violate Catholic teaching in a number of areas, including; Abortion, pornography, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research.

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Knights in Action

Winter has taken a toll on the condition of the Grotto pathway, Rosary area, and Stations of the Cross. Thanks to Brothers Jim Hill, Dave Knudson, John Kupec, Craig O'Brian and Jerome Savage who are beginning the rehabbing of the trail and the Stations. The Stations and Holy Rosary markers need considerable rebuilding and staining and the help of an organized group of Knights and fellow parishioners is greatly appreciated. Tell John Kupec (919-602-2461) if you can to lend a hand on repair and cleaning our parish's unique meditative/prayer area behind St. Luke's. We will discuss this project at our Council business meeting April 5. Come and get involved.



Family Outing at Triangle Shooting Academy

On February 27th, eight knights and one spouse gathered at the new Triangle Shooting Academy at Brier Creek for a fun evening, where they practiced and demonstrated their skills at marksmanship. Brother Frank Sancineto coordinated the event, arranged for a good deal, and provided expert supervision. We're looking forward to a repeat performance in the future.



Happy Anniversary Brother Knights

March

Edward Meintel	4
Luke Masinick	5
Jerome Savage	5
Garrett Smith	5
Jorge Esguerra Jr	8
Daniel Whalen	8
Antonio Abbondanzio	11
Charles Butler	11
Christopher Soriano	15
Donald Scott	29
Rodger Ewbank	50
Stephen Sedlak	75

WOW!!!

April

Daniel Fitzpatrick	6
David Olechovsky	6
Tom Phan	6
Donald Reece	6

Michael Ropero Cartier	6
Dennis Moya	7
Craig O'Brien	7
Jeff Spears	7
Michael Struble	7
Scott Dobner	8
Robert Beasley	9
Paul Criscuolo	9
Frank Demarco	9
John Rombout	9
John Stanson	9
Jeffrey Williams	9
Theodore Seavert	11
Phillip Maloney	13
Rev Fr Don Maloney	13
Wayne Juda	15
Chris Taurence	15
Dan Tomczak	15
Gary Corsmeier	18
John Dubiel	18
Matt Petrovick	18

Michael Whalen	18
Kenneth Low	24
Rev Fr Rob Staley	24
Gary Loebach	33

May

Ronald Batten	1
Joseph Smith	1
James Cuffney	2
Jorge Collazo	4
Bill Schultz	9
Christopher Mitta	18
James Haag	22
Elmer Brett Jr	30
Tom Lindsey Jr	30
Ronald Phillips	35
Syl Tenbarge	45

IGNATIAN RETREAT FOR MEN

**“God’s Creation and
Our Place in it”**

May 19-21, 2017

**Avila Retreat Center
711 Mason Rd.
Durham, N.C.**



**Does your everyday heart change during the day?
How has God graced my loved ones and me?
Thinking about my life’s mission?
Examples of Men doing God’s work and
affecting our lives as Catholics.**

*This experience in solitude and prayer opens us to His plan for us and
for those entrusted to us.*



Our tenth silent men’s retreat is jointly sponsored by St. Luke’s and St. Raphael’s Knights of Columbus Councils with St. Raphael’s Office of Life Long Faith Formation.

Avila Center is unique as a retreat environment -- a peaceful and reflective setting for meditation and prayerful walks around the wooded landscape. The \$185 cost for the three-day retreat includes a private overnight room for two nights, two dinners, two breakfasts and two lunches.

For information contact Jim Haag at 919-995-1057 or e-mail: JJMTHAAG@twc.com

Retreat Director: Fr. Peter Murray, S.J. - Parochial Vicar at St. Raphael the Archangel

Before coming to St. Raphael’s last year, Father was stationed in upstate New York area -- primarily doing pastoral work in parishes, schools, hospitals, prisons, and leading Ignatian retreats. Father Peter previously directed the Shrine of the Jesuit Martyrs in Auriesville, New York, working with pilgrims and retreatants, and fostering the devotion to the Jesuit Martyrs and St. Kateri Tekakwitha. As retreat director, Father Peter will lead, explain and draw on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Mass is scheduled on Sunday. Familiar devotions, brief talks, personal prayer -- and general retreat silence -- will augment the prayerful solitude of the weekend. There will be ample time for prayer, reflection, meditation, and an optional personal conference or confession with Fr. Peter. Past retreatants attest to the value of this Ignatian spiritual experience -- as their relation with the Lord was strengthened and deepened.