



St. Luke the Evangelist Council #12455 Raleigh

Our First Principle: Charity

Commitment to charitable service is one of the many ways that Knights express our Catholic faith in action. We help men focus on what matters for families, parish, community and fellow Catholics. We're Catholic men working to build a bridge to our holy faith. There is much good work to be done in this world, and that's what we Knights do every day.

In this newsletter we share our interests, describing and showing some of the charitable activities Brothers have undertaken.

For example, October 5th and 25th we were at the Habitat for Humanity Catholic Coalition home build and made a Council donation for future projects.

This fall we were at Walmart, for Operation Lamb, raising funds the mentally disabled. Brothers and families prayed and witnessed for pro life — Life Chain on Blue Ridge Rd. in 40 days for Life and

we joined our St. Luke's parishioners at prayers at the abortion facility at Drake Circle.

Additionally Brothers pray for and visit our disabled, homebound and homeless friends and neighbors and engage in other "helping hands" activities, as needed and requested.

Knights setup, cook, serve food and take down of equipment at various parish functions: Berger Bash (youth), pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, and the October parish picnic. We enjoy these and other ways to support our pastor.

This year we received Supremes' Star Award recognizing excellent membership, program, service, and reporting. See next page.

In November and December, our Council will foster parish life: Veterans Day Dance, "Keep Christ in Christmas" cards, reinstall Raleigh Diocese Christmas Niche display, and build Christmas yard

displays for our parishioners and our quarterly clean up of highway roadside on Six Forks.

To do these charitable works we need members interested in some or all of our service programs.

So, Brothers, reach out and recruit Catholic men to do the good and necessary work in this world.

Joining our Council is a great way to help those in need, to serve our parish and community, to grow in faith, and/or to obtain fraternal protection for your family.

Brother Rick Beebe is our new Council Membership Director, and he is heading our annual **membership drive —after each Mass on the weekend of November 2 -3.**

Stop by our information table and support our efforts to promote the K of C. Make your presence known and talk with fellow parishioners about Knighthood.

Rick's email: bbgunrtb@yahoo.com

Mark the Dates

Council Membership Drive. November 2-3, after weekend masses. Recruit!

Pancake Breakfast. Sunday, November 3. Serving starts after the 9 AM mass.

Council Meetings. Wednesday, November 6 and December 4. A pre meeting reception at 6:45 PM. Meeting follows.

Adopt a Highway. Saturday, December 7, St. Luke's parking lot between 8 and 9 AM, weather permitting.

Veterans Day Dance. Saturday, November 9 at 7:15 PM

Christmas Card & Nativity Scene Sales. After Masses weekends of November 16-17 and November 23-24.

Council Christmas Party. Saturday, December 14 at St. Luke's 6:30 PM.

Raleigh Rally and March for Life. Saturday, January 18, 2020.

Washington March for Life. Friday, January 24, 2020.

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Star Award Presented to Council 12455, October 2

Supremes' Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service program activities. In order to earn the award, our Council had to qualify for the Father McGivney, Founder's, and Columbian Awards. Additionally, our Council had to submit on time these documents Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728), its Service Program Personnel Report (#365), and we were in good standing with Supreme Council assessments. This honor was achieved by our team of officers, program directors, and the hard work of our Brothers.



Habitat — Tim Nichols

On Saturday, October 5th, we helped build a house for Habitat for Humanity. As shown below, Brothers Dave Abell, Jim Hill, Keith Kosinski, and I worked with the future home owner, Ntamba Kiatokos, to install siding, and other construction tasks. Council volunteered to work on Saturday, October 25th as well.

I also delivered a \$1,000 Council donation to the representative of Habitat for Humanity of Wake County. Our contribution



will help other hardworking families in Wake County to fulfill their dream of owning their own home.

Over the years, Brothers have contributed time, construction expertise and monies to Habitat housing projects. Since 1985 Habitat, in partnership with individuals, corporations, and Catholic and other religious organizations, has built safe, affordable homes for over 625 families. While funds are certainly needed to build these homes, working side by side with these families during construction is a very special gift that creates strong bonds of community.

It's amazing to see how generously our Knights contribute to our parish and our community with their time, talent, and treasure. Many thanks to all of the Knights who, over the years, gave of their talents to make our Habitat initiatives a success.

Habitat works year around to provide needed housing to families of Wake and Johnston Counties, so let's continue to support them in prayer and action throughout the year.

Brothers, please let me know when you volunteer time and resources to Habitat. This is part of our Faith in Action — Community initiative.

Life Chain & 40 Days — Jerome Savage

Brothers and families participated in the Life Chain on Sunday October 6, lining up on the south side of Blue Ridge Road from Rex Hospital to the Beltline. *This was near Birth Choice -- in the office area behind the Drake Circle abortion facility.*

Participants included Brothers: Butler, Haag, Lindsey, Taurence, Savage and families. Fr Rob was there as well as other parishioners of St. Luke's. The organizer, Mary Ann Metcalf, indicated approximately 125 people lined the street with pro life plac-

ards — slightly up from last year. So praise the Lord!

We are in the midst of 40 days of prayer for Life. The 40 Days started September 25 and ends Sunday November 3. Knights staffed parish sign up for St Luke's Oct 19th "sponsored" prayer day in front of the Drake Circle abortion facility. Brothers were there to pray and witness for the unborn 7 AM through 1 PM on that Saturday. Thanks to Diane Masinick (Brother Luke's wife) for coordinating this witness for the lives of the unborn babies.

St. Luke's Veterans Day Dance — Dave Dubis

Celebrate Veterans Day at St. Luke's Ballroom on Saturday November 9th. The evening event runs from 7:00 PM to 10:30 PM. A free dance lesson will start at 7:15 PM. Rollin Glaser's High Society Orchestra, talented musicians from Raleigh, will perform.

Veterans will enjoy hearing tunes from military branches and from years in the military. Complimentary desserts and non alcoholic beverage will be available.

The dance is a community fellowship

event for parishioners and friends. Bring your favorite people together at a table and enjoy this musical performance.

Typically teens (reduced admission at \$10 per teen) demonstrate original and athletic dance moves.

Thanks to Brothers & spouses and parishioners who join us, for contributing desserts, volunteering to help setup/sell/cleanup, etc., and thereby making this charity fundraiser a success.

On a more serious note, we do need the Knights of our Council to get behind and support this fund raising event as it provides us with the wherewithal to fund our many pro life, food pantry, youth, seminarian and Church causes.

Monies raised enable us to support seminarians, pro life, prison ministries, Habitat, diocesan youth and charitable outreach programs, CPO, coats for kids and Veterans, and other worthy Catholic efforts.

Keep Christ in Christmas

Christmas card sales will be in the Gathering Space on weekends of November 16-17 and November 23-24.

The K of C cards emphasize the real Christmas message. We also have magnetic car sticker displays for "Keep Christ in

Christmas." And again this year we have 10 large wooden outside nativity scenes for garden or lawn display. Thanks to Brothers Abell, Beasley, Hoyle, Knudson, Nichols, and Taurence for building these outdoor displays. The price is \$85 — basically the cost of materials.

Finally, a team of Brothers will again assemble the Nativity scene at Raleigh Diocese headquarters on Stonehenge Dr. Thanks to Chris Mitta for organizing this annual service to the diocese. Let Christ know if you would like to lend a hand in this worthy endeavor.

Knights Council 12455 Christmas Party

We pray that Our Savior's blessings will be with you and yours during this wonderful advent and Nativity season.

Our Council Christmas Party and Potluck Dinner will be Saturday Dec 14th with a social starting at 6:30 PM and dinner starting at 7 PM. All Brothers and their families are invited.

Please email GK Keith and let him know you will be coming, the number of adults and children attending, and what you will be bringing.

If you haven't been around in a while, come on by and rekindle friendship with Brother Knights and their families. There will be food, drink, fun, fellowship and maybe even a Christmas Carol.

If you know a friend who is not a member of our Council, ask him to come with you. Also, surely you can ask a prospective Knight to come as a guest with his spouse or friend for this event.

At holiday parties we get together with friends and families, opportunities to so-

cialize and get to know fellow Catholics and Christians.

Keep in mind that we are on the lookout for Catholic gentlemen to join our ranks and receive the honor of Knighthood.

We will set up on December 14th at 1:00 PM, and all help is welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thanks to Knights and their spouses doing adoration of the Eucharist on Fridays at St. Luke's from 9 AM to 4:00 PM. We are also grateful to those covering adoration hours at Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Catherine's perpetual adoration chapels. No names mentioned!

These Brothers will tell you that this is not so much a "commitment" though it certainly is. Rather for many it is a personal

spiritual need, essential to us as we walk through the challenges of daily life!

Adoration hours are very important but sometimes not viewed as a necessary devotion — adoration of the Blessed Sacrament may not easily fit into our busy lives.

On the other hand there is nothing better than a personal encounter with the Lord. Consider making adoration of the Holy

Eucharist as a personal spiritual growth opportunity. It may be inconvenient, but if you give it a reasonable trial, you will experience His presence and, like many of us, make it a part of your lives.

Vivat Jesus, Our Adoration Team

Operation Lamb, September 14-15



Thanks to generous Wal-Mart customers and to you Brothers and family members and friends who participated in our fall 2019 Operation Lamb campaign. Op Lamb's purpose is to raise funds to help citizens with intellectual disabilities.

We raised \$2,129 during our September 14-15th weekend. And returns for the October 26-27 weekend are not yet tabulated.

If you were not able to join us in the Tootsie

Roll give away at Wal-Mart — That's okay!

Just consider making a tax deductible contribution to LAMB Foundation of NC, Inc. — an IRS charitable 501 (C) (3) organization, ID #56-2139696. Give the check to Jim Hill to include it in our Council Operation Lamb contributions.

Consistent with Council 12455's Faith in Action — Life Program initiative, we contribute \$2,000 of the total Op Lamb funds we collect

to the State's Special Olympics Program.

Thanks to those Brothers who gave time to raise funds for this worthy cause. Some are shown in the pictures above. But many other of you Brothers were there and your engagement is so appreciated.

This statewide fundraising effort is a great help to the intellectually handicapped!

Summer Youth Project

This summer, St. Luke's students and chaperones went to Catholic Heart Work Camp in Greensboro, NC. The students were Kate Amend, Tim Burgess-Wise, Ben Buzitsky, Nick Foscatto, Alex Kaneklides, Nick Savage, and Fiona Wrobel. The chaperones were Brother Charles Butler, Kelly Canning, and Rebecca Dobner. We served the local community at a Girl Scout camp, therapeutic horse farms, dementia day centers, and individual homes building handicap

ramps, known as Rampathon. Each morning, we started together with breakfast and Mass, then spent the day with our individual groups at our work sites, coming back together for dinner, the evening session, and our Vita Nova small group. Each of us uniquely experienced Christ, whether through prayer or service, especially as we were challenged to radiate His love in our service groups and at home in our communities.

Two memorable experiences were when Ben intentionally repaired a broken statue for the family for whom his group built a ramp and when our group prayed the rosary together on our last night.

Summary: Thanks to Rebecca Dobner, St. Luke's Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, and Brother Charles Butler. Rebecca is Brother Ed Dobner's daughter,



Brothers and Friends Appreciate Prayer

We 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.

Remember in particular to pray for the healing of our Brothers and their families. Dave Abell, Dorothy Cicchetti, Linda Corsmeier, Theresa DeMarco (Frank & Rich's Mom), Jo Del Donno, Anne & Bill Donnelly, JoAnn Efthemis, Luis & Alexandra Garcia, Mary Ellen Hill, John & Sibyl Kupec, June Lefebber (Michelle Wallace's Mom), Lynne Loebach, Alex Kauer, Peter Kraehenbuehl, Sharon Matthews, Julie & Larry Meese, Lori Nussbaum, Matt Petrovick, Ron and Letty Phillips, Bill and Jenette Schultz, Jack Sobczak, Janice Tenbarge, and Michelle & Bill Wolf. If other Brothers and families want to be put on this

prayer list, please tell GK Keith Kosinski.

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.

Memorial Mass for Our Deceased Brothers

Singing with Choir

Friends

On Sunday October 6 at 9 AM, we remembered our departed Brothers and their loved ones at our Memorial Mass for deceased Brothers. Widows and families of the deceased were invited and, as needed, provided with transportation to and from St. Luke's Memorial mass.

The Knight Men's Choir sang the hymns of praise at the Memorial mass, and the names of the deceased Brothers were on a remembrance displayed in the Gathering Space. The Council plaque honors each Brother who has passed to eternal life. Below is a listing of our departed Brothers and their widows or relatives:

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| ◇ Richard Peoples, Mrs. Lorraine Peoples | ◇ Eberly (Don) Crumlich, Mrs. Joann Crumlich | ◇ Edward A. Carter, Mrs. Mary Carter | ◇ Richard F. Hoffman, Mrs. Susan Hoffman | ◇ Tom Wallace, Mrs. Michelle Wallace | ◇ Bud Esperseth, Mrs. Carol Esperseth | ◇ John Stewart Bailey, Mrs. Mary Bailey | ◇ Robert A. Moore, Mrs. Marilyn Moore | ◇ George Richardson, Mrs. Vicki Richardson | ◇ John F. McHugh (unknown relative) | ◇ Deacon Frank J. Barnes (unknown relative) | ◇ Donald F. Sanderson, Joann Kuszaj's Father | ◇ Joseph Sander, Mrs. Marie Sander | ◇ Roger A. Egan (unknown relative) | ◇ Monsignor Tim O'Connor | ◇ Frank Sancineto, Sr., Frank Sancineto's Father | ◇ Daniel Tomczak, Mrs. Denise Tomczak | ◇ Thomas Matthew, Mrs. Sharon Matthew | ◇ Nicholas Del Donno, Jr., Mrs. Josephine Del Donno |
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Burger Bash



Spaghetti Dinner



St. Sharbel Maronite Mission Church Dedication

Located nearby at 699 Mt. Vernon Church Rd., several St. Luke Sir Knights observed and participated in dedicating our new neighbor — Eastern Right Catholic Church. Bishop Luis Rafael Zaroma officiated. The Maronites trace their history to the 4th century St. Maron. Predominantly Lebanese, the Church is in communion with Rome and follows a religious tradition from Antioch.

Pictured with the Raleigh Assembly Honor Guard and other 4th Degrees from Raleigh are Sir Knights Bob Beasley, David Dubis, Jerome Savage and John Stanson.

The dedication was on Sunday, October 13. We look forward to their parish men possibly joining our Council !



August Family of Month -- John and Carillon Bihlmeyer

Brother John is a 4th degree Sir Knight, a Past Grand Knight and currently our Worthy Trustee. He and Carillon made the decision to return to their homeland in South Dakota to be closer to family and be able to help with family members in need due to illness.

John is among our most hardworking Knights and a volunteer at most all of our parish events. His kitchen skills are really appreciated whether cooking or cleaning. For pancake breakfasts and other morning events, I don't know who will be making the coffee once he is gone! John is also in the Knight Rider program driving Brother Matt to Masses and our meetings.

In addition to his work in the Knights, John is involved in parish life, including the Journeymen.

John's wife Carillon leads our Legion of Mary ministry which reaches parishioners and families in need through prayer. She is also a Eucharistic minister and has often done the rosary prayer service before Mass among other parish support. The spirituality she has shown to fellow parishioners is exemplary.

We will miss you John, and thanks to you and Carillon for all you have done!

September Family of Month – Jeff and Mary Spears

Brother Jeff is a 4th degree Sir Knight and has been a member since 2010. He has previously served our Council as Recorder and most recently as Deputy Grand Knight. He is currently doing a wonderful job serving as Faith Director. He has launched new Faith in Action programs including just having coordinated the Marian Prayer Service.

In the Parish, Jeff has been a member of the St. Luke Parish Council for the past 3 years. He is a Eucharistic Minister since becoming a member of St Luke's and recently joined the lector ministry. For many years he was involved with RCIA as catechist and coordinator.

Jeff's wife Mary is President of the Board of Directors of Helping Horse Therapeutic Riding Program, a ministry

that serves children and adults with special needs. Mary has been volunteering since 2001 and has served as horse leader, side walker, assistant instructor, a member of the feeding team and is also currently serving as the Rider Coordinator and is a member of the Executive Committee, Operations Committee, Public Relations Committee, Finance Committee, Scholarship Committee and the Horse Committee.

Helping Horse is a passion for Mary and is her full-time ministry. Jeff fully supports Mary and this ministry as a Board member. Jeff, thanks to you and Mary for all you do!

August Knight of Month Michael Benigno

Brother Mike is a 4th Degree Sir Knight and has been with the Knights for about 50 years. He was a founding member of the Parish and this Council. And while he has done many things for our Council, this month Brother Mike is being awarded the Knight of the Month in recognition for his long service as our Financial Secretary. As FS, not only did he set the stage for our current financial stability, but he always went above and beyond by also working on our state raffles, membership, retention and generally handling all the cash duties at events.

Michael, thank you again for your 10 years of serving our Council as FS.

September Knight of Month Dennis Moya

Brother Dennis joined the Council in 2010 and is a 3rd Degree. He is very active with the Knights and we often see him helping at our parish social events including serving at our recent Spaghetti dinner. But while he has done many things for our Council, Brother Dennis is a real example of being led by the Lord. He is a discussion leader for our Journeymen prayer group and often visits and prays with Brothers and their family in need. With family and friends in the Caribbean, he has twice been called on to help after Hurricane disasters. He has been a member of the Legion of Mary since its inception in the parish and just agreed to be their head after the departure of Carillon Bihlmeyer. He is a true evangelist of our faith. Dennis, thank you again for your faith-filled work in the Council and the Parish.



From the Grand Knight

**SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST
COUNCIL #12455**

LEAD ME LORD – The K of C State motto for 2020

The end of the year is always a good time to reflect on the past before we look forward to 2020.

Our Council received the honor of the Star Award from the Supreme Council for our service and fraternal efforts last year. While we do not do charitable work for the accolades, it is worthwhile to be recognized for being on the right track in following the new Faith in Action plan established by the Knights. Active and engaged Brothers made this happen!

I ask that you consider two things as a Brother Knight in the coming year –

First, give us 24 hours – just one day. Please come to at least 2-3 meetings during the year, this is a great way to maintain a personal connection with your Brothers and the Council. Attend or volunteer at 2 or more of the parish social events we hold or sponsor for our Pastor and parish. The Knights of Columbus like to say they are the right hand of the Pastor. Finally, participate in 2 service activities or for as many as you have time. Whether the activities are for our youth, the intellectually or physically disabled, those in need, or even as a service to the parish such as Eucharistic Minister, all are important in putting your Faith in Action. If you are looking for something new, call me.

Second, share your personal experiences in the Knights with non-members and invite them to join us. Men are busy - remind them we are only asking for 24 hours. If they are not particularly interested in our current activities, ask them what they would like to do. This is where fresh, good ideas come from.

Our new Membership Director, Brother Rick Beebe is initiating a membership drive starting the weekend of November 2-3 after all the Masses. We have been describing what we do in the bulletin over the last few weeks and will continue to do so. Feel free to hand out one of his “Why Join” pamphlets and a contact card. Contact cards can be return to Brother Rick or can be placed in the Knights mailbox.

Christmas is the time when we rejoice in the gift of salvation. Let’s share our gifts with others and let the Lord lead us!

Merry Christmas to you and your families! Vivat Jesus, Keith

We Could Use More Helping Hands

Our goal is to reach out and care for incapacitated and disadvantaged members of our community — the homeless, the addicted, the home bound, the imprisoned, the elderly, and others who may feel isolated or abandoned. Here's a quick summary of efforts that deserve your consideration and, if possible, your participation.

- **Prison Ministry:** The Kyros ministry provides prison retreats and workshops and continuing education opportunities for the incarcerated. Information/Contact: Dave Abell
- **Family Support Team:** Helps families experiencing homelessness to secure and maintain permanent housing We provide assistance based on the needs of the family. Information/Contact: Reed Murphy
- **Oak City Outreach Ministry** serves 1,200 -1,800 meals each weekend in collaboration with the City of Raleigh /Wake Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness, private funders, and Catholic Charities. Information/Contacts: Mike Struble and Bobby Bower
- **Knight Rides** gives rides to/from St. Luke’s church for parishioners who can’t make it to mass due to lack of transportation. Additional drivers needed. Contact: Tom Lindsey
- **Visiting Brothers in Rehabilitation or Assisted Care:** Coping with health needs, loneliness, rehabilitation challenges, and spousal loss can be a lonely and demanding task. We need to pray for Brother Knights in this painful and sometimes frustrating situation. We also need to be present to them. Knight teams are scheduled to visit Brothers in in their time of need. Information/Contacts: Jim Haag, Joe Rothengast, and Matt Aremia