



# St. Luke the Evangelist Council #12455 Raleigh

## Faith In Action – K of C’s New Focus

Since 1971, Supremes' **Surge for Service** has been the program model for Councils throughout the U.S. and elsewhere. As of July 2018 a new Faith in Action framework replaces the Surge model. **Faith in Action** simplifies our Order's goals and focuses on four basic service programs: Faith, Family, Community and Life.

This new initiative exemplifies what we as individual Knights seek to do:

- Strengthen our faith and grow in spirituality
- Care for and protect our families and lead them to God through our holy religion
- Strengthen and support our community and nation
- Defend life in all stages and conditions

**Faith in Action** simplifies and

reorders our roles. It's a call to action to each of us with a particular emphasis on growing in spirituality and engaging in parish spiritual growth opportunities.

The June/July issue of **Knightline** provides a succinct overview of the goals, requirements and purposes of the new **Faith in Action** guidelines.

Some general observations relate to Supreme's service program changes:

We already do many activities implicit in this new framework — they may need to be reconfigured, enhanced, promoted, and in some cases recognized as K of C efforts.

Secondly, Supreme identifies new activities worthy of consideration; so we will review these and decide if they are a good fit for our parish and Council, now or in the future.

Finally, simplification and refocusing of our core priorities into

Faith, Family, Community and Life should enhance our visibility as Knights in spiritual growth and Life protection areas. Possibly Knights may be attracted and involved in new ways in parish, family and community. Catholic gentlemen in St. Luke's parish may be motivated to join our Order,

See the following page for a discussion of our new Faith Program, headed by Brother Jeff Spears, DGK. It explains the organization of existing and new Knight activities therein.

Note: There is opportunity for Brothers to get involved and make suggestions as the new frameworks are to some extent experimental and will evolve with practical experience and the needs of our parish.

We will cover the Family, Community and Life programs in subsequent issues of this Newsletter.

### Mark the Dates

**Council Meetings.** Wednesday, September 5 and October 3. Pre meeting receptions start at 6:30 PM.

**Council 12455 First Degree Exemplifications,** 7:30 PM, Mondays: September 24, October 22, and November 12. Time to ask a Catholic gentleman acquaintance to consider joining our Order.

**Burger Bash.** Sunday, September 9, Carpe Diem at 5 PM, Vita Nova at 6:30 PM.

**Operation Lamb.** Wal-Mart at Triangle Town Center, Saturdays and Sundays: September 22-23, and October 20-21. Join us in this worthy cause. See p. 3 for how to sign up.

**Spaghetti Dinner.** Saturday, September 29, following the 5:30 PM mass.

**Memorial Mass for our Deceased Brothers.** Sunday, October 7, 9:00 AM. Wear your council shirts and name badges.

**Pancake Breakfast.** Sunday, October 14, Serving starts after 9AM mass

**Veterans Day Dance Council Fundraiser.** Saturday, November 10, in St. Luke's Ball Room, Rollin Glaser's High Society Orchestra performs, at 8 PM, Free dance lesson at 7:15 PM. See page 7.

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**Links**

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

# Help the Intellectually Disabled — Jim Hill

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It's time for Council 12455's 2018 Operation Lamb fund raising for mentally and intellectually handicapped. Jim Hill has arranged for us to give out Tootsie Rolls at the Triangle Mall Wal-Mart on Saturdays and Sundays: September 22-23 and October 20-21. We need teams of four Knights, friends or families for each of the six-two hour slots each day. We want to staff two entrances.

Click on the links below to sign up. Note that each link is for a different weekend. You must click on each separately to login. The login password is koc (lower case).

Once you're logged in, please select a time

and input the first and last name of each person that will be collecting. We need at least 4 people for each time slot so we are able to cover the two sets of doors at Wal-Mart.

1st Weekend -Saturday September 22 and Sunday September 23.

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0544A5A92BA02-oplamb17](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0544A5A92BA02-oplamb17)

2nd Weekend - Saturday October 20 and Sunday October 21

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0544A5A92BA02-oplamb16](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0544A5A92BA02-oplamb16)

Access Code = koc

OP LAMB is the NC Knights main yearly fundraising. It provides support for many needy non profit charities. Last year Council 12455 raised \$4,943 for Raleigh area organizations serving the mentally and intellectually handicapped. With your generous help and financial assistance, we hope to exceed last year's amount raised.

Statewide the Knights collect about \$1 million each year. The Tootsie Roll drive is State K of C 's most visible, respected and highly appreciated charitable undertaking.

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# What is Operation Lamb? — John Bihlmeyer

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Named after the biblical quotation; Matt. 25:40, Operation L.A.M.B. (Least Among Our Brethren) is a fundraising charity created by the Knights of Columbus to benefit citizens with Intellectual Disabilities. Since it's inception in 1974, the Operation L.A.M.B. of North Carolina has raised millions of dollars to assist citizens of North Carolina who are affected by various forms of Disabilities. Each year, Knights, their families and friends volunteer for two hour shifts outside shopping centers and businesses to collect donations. They give free Toot-

sie Rolls to passers by and ask for donations to assist those with Intellectual Disabilities. Their smiling faces and bright yellow/orange aprons have become familiar sights locally and throughout this great state. It is also important to note that all of the money collected goes to various state and local charities, and that your local Knights of Columbus council has no paid staff. Additional donations from individuals, corporations and foundations are sought to pay for the cost of the candy and aprons.

Tax deductible donations may be made payable to the "LAMB Foundation of NC, Inc." an IRS charitable 501(c)(3) organization, ID # 56-2139696

If you would like more information, or would like to help with a donation, please contact your local Council of the Knights of Columbus.

We need your help to make our Council 12455 Saint Luke Operation Lamb a success. You can get a friend or family to help you.

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# Faith In Action — Jeff Spears — Faith Director

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As discussed on page 1, the Knights of Columbus is embarking on a new service program platform called **Faith in Action**. This program was explained by our Program Director, Jim Haag, at our most recent Council meeting. In essence, the Knights have moved from 6 major areas of focus to 4 – that being Faith, Family, Community, and Life. These four areas really embody the Catholic faith and the goals of the Knights.

For the Faith component, we outlined 5 areas that are suggested for the Faith Program. We will be doing these service programs over the coming year.

## **1. RSVP – program chair: Jeff Spears**

## **2. Rosary Program – program chair: Orfeo Cicchetti**

## **3. Spiritual Reflection Program – program chair: Jim Haag**

## **4. Holy Hour – program chairs: Don Struckmeyer and Jorge Esguerra**

## **5. Sacramental Gifts – program chair: Jim Hill**

We will discuss our Council's plans to achieve each of these service program purposes at our coming September and October Council Meetings.

Brothers may already participate in some of these spiritual growth programs. How-

ever, as they are now officially part of "Faith in Action" initiative, you and your family are invited to prayerfully consider engaging in these — to increase in faith and to grow spiritually.

For example, Our Council Lecturer Jerome Savage submitted the following page about adoration hours at St. Luke's and nearby parishes. He notes that Knights are needed particularly for early morning hours at the perpetual adoration chapels.

# Council 12455 Receives Supreme Award — Keith Kosinski, GK

St. Luke the Evangelist Council 12455 was honored for work that began in January 2014 when its home church was destroyed.

The Knights of Columbus, a worldwide fraternal service organization, recently granted an International Service Award to a Raleigh-based council following its work rebuilding a church destroyed by arson.

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In the wake of tragedy, council members served their parish in an inspiring fashion. In addition to Knights who removed debris from the damaged sanctuary, one council member offered office space so that the parish could continue to celebrate Mass together.

The Knights then began a series of fundraising projects to rebuild the destroyed building, and they contributed over \$7,000 of their own funds to go toward the new cross atop the church building.

In all, council members logged more than 22,000 hours of community service between the day of the fire and Oct. 21, 2017, the day Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama dedicated a new church building at St. Luke's parish.

The preceding article, written by Evan Fritsch appears in the diocesan news website. We are indebted to and proud

of Past GK John Stanson who developed the award application and submitted it to State K of C. In turn, State submitted the award write up and documentation to Supreme and this honor was given to our Council at the Supreme Convention a result. Thanks John and Pamila for this fitting culmination of your two years as Grand Knight — and Pamila's two years of support for him in his service to our Council.

*Below: The Stansons with NC Knights of Columbus State Deputy John Nussbaum and his wife Lori.*



## Prayers are Needed and Always Appreciated

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.

Pray for continued healing, in particular for: Sera Abell, Bob Beasley, Dorothy Cicchetti (Orfeo's mom), Tom Colopy, Linda Corsmeier, Nick Del Donno, Bill Donnelly, Peter Kraehenbuehl, John

Kupec, Larry Meese, Don Scott, Doug Wiperman, and Bill Wolf.

We also offer prayers for the Aremia, Kauer, Mendez, Poyo, Petrovick, Sobczak and Sullivan families who have lost beloved members during this last year.

There are certainly other difficult situations, tribulations and problems that Brother Knights are experiencing. Although we

do not know about these sufferings, remember to pray generally for these as well

If other Brothers, spouses and /or their families would welcome our membership's healing prayer, please notify GK Keith Kosinski.

*St. Raphael the Archangel is the Angel of the Sick and the "Medicine of God."*



# FAITH IN ACTION

In the opening lines of *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), His Holiness Pope Francis invites “Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ”. The same invitation is made to Knights of Columbus members and their families each day as they live out their faith through service of neighbor and answer the age old question, “Am I my brother’s keeper?” (Genesis 4:9).

**HOW to participate?** Below are a few suggestion to make your experience during Adoration a success:



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is the worship of the real Presence (Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity) of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament typically exposed via a Monstrance outside of Mass. This practice is a tradition with references as far back as 379 AD by Saint Basil. It is a great example of way to encourage a deep personal encounter with our Lord as suggested above. Saint for 2018 Therese of Lisieux practiced Eucharistic meditation daily.

**HOLY HOUR** is a special devotional that the Bishops have created with a variety of topics (such as Peace, Life, Vocations, and Healing) that are at the heart of the Church and our faith. Venerable Fulton Sheen taught each time attended that we are undoing the failures of the disciples in the garden of *Gethsemane* when our Lord said to them: “*So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?*” During every Holy Hour, we keep vigil with the Lord.

Pray the Psalms or the Liturgy of the Hours

Recite a prayer "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner," repeatedly as you quiet your heart

Meditate using Scripture

Read the life of a saint and use their daily Devotions as a guide

Pour out your heart to Christ and speak to him directly while adoring Him

Ask for forgiveness and intercede for others

Pray the Rosary and ask Mary to join you as gaze on Christ

Sit quietly and just "be" in the presence of God

**WHERE & WHEN?** Our parish schedule as well as other options in the area to visit when going to or from work!

**St. Luke has Adoration EVERY Friday from 9am to 4pm and 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays from 10am until Noon**

Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Catherine of Sienna both offer PERPETUAL (24/7) in a dedicated chapel

St. Michael's (in Cary) is on Thursday night from 6-7pm

St. Joseph's (near Downtown) is on Wednesday night from 5:30-7pm

Holy Infant (in Durham) is on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday from 9:30am to 11:30am

## Peter's Birthday Party — Jim Haag

On Saturday, July 14, Terri and I held a birthday party for Sir Knight Peter Kraehenbuehl, our friend and former Council Financial Secretary. Brother Peter worked closely with Deacon Ralph Poyo and later with Michelle Fober in St. Luke's Total Life Catechesis (TLC) Program, a few years ago.

Peter's coming to the party was also opportune for him to see our new sanctuary. He was thrilled to be able to see the St. Luke's worship space. There was a great turnout at the party. Peter's son James and wife

Eileen came from D.C., Joe and Joann Cox drove in from Todd, NC. Others coming were David Abell, Matt and Cindy Aremia, Bob and Jan Beasley, Rodger and Elaine Ewbank, Keith Kosinski, John and Sibyl Kupec, Josh, Debbie and Tom Lindsey, Joe Rothengast, Chris and Christine Taurence, and Jerome Savage.

Several other friends were unable to come because of family and other conflicts. Below are some pictures taken at the event. Thanks to Elaine Ewbank our photographer.

Several of us make the trip out Carrboro to see Peter at the Crescent Green assisted living facility where he now lives.

Please consider joining us, should you like to see Peter in his electronically equipped room.

It's always a pleasure to visit, pray with and encourage him as he deals with physical limitations resulting from the debilitating effects of Multiple Sclerosis.





# Knights in Action: Pancake Breakfast and Knight Seminarians





# Veterans Day Fundraiser, November 10, for Council Charities

St. Luke's Knights will host Rollin Glaser's High Society Orchestra Saturday evening, November 10. This is a parish family event and we want our youth to join us and enjoy the great sounds and dancing of Rollin's Glaser's highly touted orchestra.

Rollin will provide a free dance lesson starting at 7:15 PM — before the band starts playing at 8 PM. Non alcoholic beverages, soft drinks and water will be available and, as always, we will have a variety of complimentary desserts. Brothers, if you have a high school teenage daughter or son — why not invite him or her come and experience this musical extravaganza. Otherwise, this is a very enjoyable evening of music and parish socialization

You will observe some friends and Brothers "Tripping the light fantastic" and enjoy some excellent ballroom dancer demonstration by those who follow Rollin's group in the Raleigh area.

On a more serious note, we do need you and your friends support this fund raising event as it provides us with the wherewithal to give money to our many faith, family, life and community causes.

Come and join us for this Council charity fund raiser. Call Mike Benigno (919-761-1797) or e-mail (mbenigno@nc.rr.com.) to reserve tickets at the discount price of \$15 per person. The price is \$18 at the door. Our teenage guest admission is \$10 per person or \$15 per teenage couple.

## Memorial Mass for Our Deceased Brothers — GK Keith Kosinski

Brothers and families will celebrate our annual Corporate Mass for the intention of our deceased Brother Knights on Sunday 9 AM, October 7. We request that Council Knights attend with their families as a fitting tribute to our departed Brothers. Wear your Council insignia (Shirts and Badges).

To enhance Council unity and participation in honoring the memory of our deceased Brethren, we ask that Knights do the following:

- **Seating:** Knights and families sit anywhere, throughout the church.
- **Gifts:** Council "Family of the Year" brings up the gifts.
- **Ministries:** Brothers serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality and ushering Ministers
- **Altar Servers:** If available, Knights' sons and daughters, or grandchildren.
- **Invited:** Widows and families of deceased Knights are formally invited, and,

as needed, are provided with transportation to and from Mass.

- **Rosary:** Knights lead Rosary before Mass and prior to announcements.
- **Display:** We will have plaque and pictures in Remembrance of our Deceased Brothers.

We anticipate that these steps will foster remembrance and prayerful respect to Brother Knights who have gone to their eternal reward.

## Brothers and Spouses in Service

Rich and Gloria Hanson is our **Family of the Month for July**.

Rich is a 3rd degree Knight and a Council member for 10 years. Many of you will know him and Gloria, as hospitality ministers at St Luke's, usually the 9:00 Mass. What you may not know is that every other month, the Hanson's serve meals at the Raleigh rescue mission. Feeding the hungry is a Corporal Works of Mercy, and as such, it is an important feature of what the Knights do and recognize under our new Faith in Action family service program.

Thank you Rich and Gloria, and congratulations!!

Brother John Efthemis is our **July Knight of the Month**.

He has been a Knight for 25 years, most recently at St. Luke's for the last 7 years. Over this time, he has joined in many Knights' events and activities, particularly Operation Lamb. John is a Journeymen — a men's study group, which is successor to the "That Man is You." This year, he made our Council's Men's Ignatian retreat weekend at the Avila Center, experiencing silent prayer, solitude and reflection with Knights and other Catholic men throughout the diocese. God calls each of us in different ways, but prayer and silence help us listen to what He asks of us.

Thank you John for reminding us, as Knights, of our need for and the importance of prayer.





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## From the Grand Knight

We have exciting changes happening in the Knights and in our Council. The service programs now highlighted by *Faith in Action* set a new direction for Knights in their efforts to help others and serve God. As noted above in this newsletter, while many of these service or faith activities are already being undertaken, there is more we can do. For those members that are already very active in the Knights, thank you! However, if you have been searching for a way to help people, or grow your faith, or maybe just to enjoy some fraternity with fellow Knights, be on the look out for new opportunities that may be of interest to you. You will hear more about such opportunities at the monthly business meetings, in future newsletters and in my emails to you.

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These new programs and activities may help us in another way. Reed Murphy, our Membership Director, has already begun his work to add new members. Brothers Jim Hoyle and Don Struckmeyer joined our Council as first degree Knights on July 30th. A social was held afterwards so our new members could meet with their fellow Brothers.

On August 15th, we held a special first degree ceremony for Steven DiMassimo, who is one of our two parish seminarians. He joins recently admitted Brother Drew Nichols, our other St. Luke Parish seminarian. We are very proud of these men and are happy to call them Brothers. Please continue to pray for their vocations.

We have two additional candidates that we expect will earn their first degrees on September 24th. Please look for an email announcing this pending ceremony and join with fellow Brothers in making our candidates feel welcome by attending the event. We hope that each new member will quickly get involved with one of our service, faith or social programs to help our Council grow.

Finally, our parish-wide social activities are now in full swing. We have a pancake breakfast coming up and the Veterans Day dance. Plus, for the first time in recent years, we are also doing a pasta dinner in conjunction with Father Rob's parish celebration of adult faith formation. If you have not attended a Knights event recently, please ask your spouse, family and friends to join with you in one of these fun social events. By the way, we always are looking for Knights to help work at these events. No experience necessary!

Feel free to send me an email at [keithkosinski@gmail.com](mailto:keithkosinski@gmail.com) about helping at an event or if you are interested in one of the new service programs.

### August KOM- Luis Garcia



Luis Garcia is a relatively new member of St Luke parish. He became a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knight only about 4 months ago. Nevertheless, he has quickly shown his willingness to step up and fulfill the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree principle of charity. He regularly joins fellow Brother Knights on Tuesdays volunteering at the Raleigh Catholic Parish Outreach food pantry and just helped out at our community pancake breakfast. He attends our business meetings and also joined with other Knights at this past Monday's 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremony and social. Luis is doing exactly what we would hope of a new Brother Knight and is a great example to all.

Thank you, Luis, and we look forward to even more from you in the future.

### August FOM Jim & Terri Haag

Every Council member knows Jim and Terri. Today, we are especially recognizing their efforts to help one of our members in need. They recently held a birthday celebration at their home for Sir Knight Peter Kraehenbuehl, who is confined to a power-chair at Crescent Green Assisted Living in Carrboro.

They arranged for special transportation and provided a delicious selection of food and desserts, including a birthday cake, of course. Family members, and a number of Brother Knights and their wives (See pictures on page 5 above) also attended this special event. All members of the Council were invited.

It was a fun gathering and Peter was very happy to see everyone during his day out.

He was also thrilled to see the new St. Luke Parish church.

Thank you Jim and also thank your wife Terri, you both are a wonderful inspiration to us all!

