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COUNCIL # 12455

St. Luke the Evangelist Council #12455 Raleigh

Challenging Roe v. Wade

January is Right to Life/Culture of Life month with rallies, marches and activities.

In Raleigh, Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 10:30 AM, the 7th Annual Love My Life Youth Rally, will take place at the new Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. Bishop Zarama will celebrate Diocesan Mass for Life with Rally participants. See p. 5 for details.

After mass the LML youth will be bussed to join the downtown Raleigh Rally and March for Life. The rally will start about 1:30 PM followed by the march at about 2:30 PM.

Area Brother Knights and State Honor Guards will be prominent and lead this impressive witness to the sanctity of human life and protection of the unborn.

Council #12455 always is present at this significant Raleigh event. Wear your K of C hats, badges and shirts.

The National Washington, DC Right to Life March takes place on Friday, January 19, 2018. Reserve seating on a bus by contacting Kathy Klein: (919) 815-1369 or blk4jnj@gmail.com.

Buses generally depart from St. Raphael's at about 4:30 AM. After arrival, North Carolina Catholic marchers begin with mass concelebrated by our Bishops Luis Raphael Zarama and Peter Jugis from Charlotte, along with scores of priests and deacons from NC's two dioceses.

The mass takes place at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception at 11:30 a.m. It will be followed by lunch on the bus before

the march on the mall with hundreds of thousands of pro lifers from across the U.S.

In the past some of us drove to DC area and then took the Metro to the National Shrine and/or to the mall. If there is interest in this option we can coordinate the car pool for this significant pro life event. Let PGK Jim Haag know and he will coordinate.

If you haven't experienced the March for Life in our nation's capitol, plan on coming with us particularly this year -- a year of promise for Life.

This is a strong witness for the life of the unborn and a dramatic and visible encouragement for the eventual overturn of the disastrous Roe v. Wade Supreme Court Ruling.

Mark the Dates

Council Meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 PM, January 3, A pre meeting reception starts at 6:30 PM.

K of C State Mid Year Meeting -- East NC. Saturday, January 5-7, 2018. See State K of C Website for more information.

Raleigh Love My Life Youth Rally Saturday, January 13, at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral Raleigh. (10:30 AM) and **Bishop's Mass** (noon) and **Raleigh Rally and March for Life**. The rally begins at 1:30 PM, followed by the March for Life.

Second Degree Exemplification. Wednesday, January 17 at All Saints Council, at nearby St. Francis.

Washington D.C. March for Life. Friday, Jan. 19.

Council Pancake Breakfast. Sunday, January 21 Serving starts at 9:30 AM.

First Degree Exemplification. TBA, prior to an upcoming Council Meeting. St. Luke's Team to confer degree.

Third Degree Exemplification. Saturday, February 10, Price Council in Raleigh.

Council Charities "Be My Valentine" Saturday, February 10 at St. Luke's, Free dance lesson at 7:15 PM, Dance runs from 8 to 10:30 PM.

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State Supreme	www.kofcnc.org
Raleigh Diocese	www.kofc.org
CVNC	www.dioceseofraleigh.org/
Bishops	www.catholicvoicenc.org
Vatican	www.usccb.org
	www.vatcan.va

Council Christmas Party -- John Stanson, GK

We had a wonderful time at the 2017 Council Christmas Party! I hope you enjoyed a bit of festive fellowship with your families and friends. I'd like to thank everyone for helping to make it a successful evening.

Thank you for the delicious entrees, salads, breads, desserts and drinks. Thank you to John and Carillon Bihlmeyer for coordinating the setup and decoration.

A special thank you to the Musical Santa who entertained us early in the evening. He kicked off the celebration with a bang . . . and a jingle. In case you didn't recognize this joyful Elf from the North Pole, he was our very own Brother Matt Petrovick. I didn't get the opportunity to publicly acknowledge and

thank Matt at the party (he had to leave early). It was great to see you, Matt. Thank you for being part of our Council and family. God Bless you!

About 60 Brother Knights, spouses and families attended, including many of their kids. See pictures on the next page. Guests enjoyed a wonderful evening. Father Rob kicked off the celebration with a blessing before the dinner, that provided various excellent food and amazing dessert options to us all.

It was a great time to exchange Christmas greetings, enjoying fellowship and deepening friendships. We sang Christmas Carols led by our choir of kids and teenagers. Dave Abell and Jim Haag provided

the guitar rhythms.

This was a wonderful time to share brotherhood with fellow Knights and their families. Thank to you for all you did to make the evening such a wonderful success - for setting up the hall, for sharing your delicious treats, for singing carols and for helping the clean up.

I'm already looking forward to next year's celebration.

I wish you all a very Blessed Christmas, and a joyful and prosperous New Year!

See pictures next page. Vivat Jesus, John

Pancake Breakfast, January 21, 2018

Brothers, as many of us remember, our K of C Council canceled planned community and fund raising events after the fire disaster at St. Luke's in January 2014. Our parish banquet hall became our worshiping space for the next three years. Accordingly, hall use for community breakfasts and other K of C and parish activities was discontinued.

Thanks to the K of C's service to St. Luke's parish and the parish's strong support of our charitable efforts, we are now again delighted to have use the hall facility to reactivate our very popular Sunday morning pancake breakfast program — starting at 9:30 AM. We plan to do them quarterly, unless we decide to substitute an occasional spaghetti dinner that would take place on a Saturday evening after the 5:30 PM mass.

We really do look forward to doing these

parish community events.

Thanks to the Brothers who volunteered to staff and cook the first breakfast held on Sunday October 29th. It was a great success and a reminder of just how much we all need to foster our parish community. We also rekindled relationships with several Brothers that we had not seen or been with for quite a while. Very encouraging was the strong support of and participation of families and friends in the parish.

In effect this first breakfast in more than three years was a kind of "trial run" of the event, since we had to reorganize set up, supply and logistics, serving and clean-up of our parish banquet area.

We are looking forward to our second Communion/pancake breakfast on Sunday January 21. Volunteer to help in this wor-

thy service to the St. Luke's parish community.

The breakfasts include all the fixing: pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon and sausages, breads, rolls and toasts, coffees, milk and juices. Of course, second helpings are available to all.

This is offered for a small contribution of \$5 per person and \$20 per family. We will begin serving at 9:30 AM.

Note that parishioners attending the 11 AM mass, can come early and finish breakfast in ample time prior to the start of the 11 AM mass, while easily observing the 1 hour rule for communion.

Brothers, come help us do this parish event!

Upcoming Second and Third Degree Exemplifications

First Degree Knights: You have a rare and convenient opportunity to move up to the Second Degree on Wednesday, January 17 at nearby All Saints Council at St Francis parish. Let GK John know this week.

Second Degree Knights: Now may be your time to advance to full Knighthood in the Third Degree at Raleigh's Price Coun-

cil on Saturday, February 10 -- early afternoon.

The Third Degree takes about three hours, starting with preliminaries at 11 AM and then ending with a reception at about 3 PM.

Again, let GK John Stanson know ASAP

so that registration and transportation arrangements can be made with the respective conferring councils.

You will not regret taking advantage of either or both of these impressive Knighting ceremonies. Do it!

Christmas Party 2017



“Be My Valentine” Charity Dance Fund Raiser

Make your plans to attend our Council’s first major 2018 Charity Fund Raiser. It takes place on Saturday, February 10, from 8 to 10:30 PM in the St. Luke’s Ballroom.

Rollin Glaser’s High Society Orchestra has received kudos and success around the area playing well known dance standards with a contemporary touch. As shown in pictures of last year’s Valentine dance performance they entertained us, and many teens from St. Luke’s and from St. Thomas More and nearby parishes attended. Also the band includes our friends: Lori Anderson (piano), Phil Kregor (guitar) and Karen Zeher (sax).

At 7:15 PM, Rollin again will provide a complimentary dance lesson for those interested in honing their dance skills.

Brothers, this is an inexpensive night out

with your special “Valentine.” As you know, net proceeds from this event help to fund our many Council pro life, family, community and youth charities.

A non alcoholic event, there will be soft drinks, coffees, hot cider and water available. As is our custom, we will again provide a wonderful assortment of complimentary desserts and exquisite pastries for your temptation and sampling. Thanks to all of you who prepare these delicacies.

As in the past, we always appreciate your pitching in to help run this event and cooperative effort will help us achieve a successful fund raising result.

Jobs need to be done: We need a Brother to step up and serve as event coordinator (See GK message page 6) and we also will need others to help staff the ticket sales tables

after masses on the weekends before. We also will need assistance: decorating and setting up, soft drink sales and admission table staffing at the event and clean up crew after the event. The coordinator will make sure all of this team work comes together, as planned — as it always does.

But the financial success of the fund raiser hinges on your coming and bringing your friends. If we get 50 Knights and ladies to come with another couple of friends, this will be an outstanding financial success for our Council and for our many worthy charitable causes. Okay, some Brothers may not like to dance, **so come anyway** and socialize with your Brother Knights and ladies. At least, buy a ticket or two to support our charities.



Men’s Ignatian Retreat, May 18-20, 2018

For the last 10 years, Council 12455 has organized this annual retreat at Avila in Durham. Over 160 Catholic men (including 40 from St. Luke’s) have participated over the years — many two or more times.

Our 11th Ignatian Retreat for Men is scheduled for the weekend of May 18-20, 2018.

As Brothers of this Council you have an early opportunity to register for one of the 32 slots for this spiritual growth experience. Soon we will advertise in parishes

around the Raleigh area and then diocesan-wide.

The silent retreat will be directed by Fr. Peter F. Ryan, S.J., Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit Michigan. Fr. Peter is a former professor of moral theology and director of spiritual formation at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg Maryland. He is looking forward to leading us in this spiritual growth weekend. His presentations will emphasize the St. Ignatius’ spiritual exercises

and there will be ample opportunity for personal conferences with Fr. Peter.

This silent retreat weekend is jointly sponsored by the St. Luke’s and St. Raphael’s K of C Councils in cooperation with St. Raphael’s Office of Life Long Faith Formation.

To obtain information for the retreat, contact Jim Haag [919-841-5817](tel:919-841-5817) (H), [919-995-1057](tel:919-995-1057) (C) or at jjmthaag@bellsouth.net.

Love My Life Youth Rally and March for Life



Schedule for the Day

- 9:30 a.m. Begin dropping off items for baby item drive (details available soon)
- 10:00 a.m. Youth Rally Music begins
- 10:30 a.m. Youth Rally begins
- 12:00 p.m. Diocesan Mass For Life
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch (for youth rally participants only)
- 1:45 p.m. Travel to downtown Raleigh to march with NC Right to Life at 2:30 pm

Come join us in a heated tent for worship, incredible speakers, music, and lunch!

We have a newly designed long-sleeved t-shirt available. You may see a picture of the new design and order at the following link: <https://raldioc.configio.com/go/love-my-life-t-shirts>. Methods of payment are by credit card or bill the parish. If you elect to bill the parish, a code will need to be entered. You may obtain this code from your parish business office. This new step was put in place to protect parishes from unauthorized billing. Thank you for your support of the Love my Life Youth Rally.

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Council # 12455 Charities

This calendar year, we practiced our First Degree principle of charity. Here are the Council's charitable outlays during 2017.

- ◇ St. Luke Naming Opportunity - \$7,500 Cross atop church entrance
- ◇ Operation Lamb - \$4,943
- ◇ Seminarian Support \$1,400
- ◇ Fortnight for Freedom - \$300
- ◇ BirthChoice Run for Life - \$300

- ◇ CPO - \$250
- ◇ Coats for Vets - \$200
- ◇ Prison ministry - \$200
- ◇ Love my Life Rally - \$200
- ◇ Room at the Inn raffle ticket - \$100
- ◇ Bishops fund - \$100
- ◇ Prolife fund - \$100

These outlays were funded via our Coun-

cil dues, charity fundraisers and by the donations of our Brother Knights. Our major fundraisers were dances, sale of Christmas cards, raffles.

Note that even more charitable generosity is reflected in the Knights countless volunteer hours for parish and diocesan projects, ministries and activities.

Thank you Brothers!

Keep our Brothers, their Families and Spouses in Prayer

Celebrating Christmas and the New Year, thanks and praise be to God for our families, friends, parishioners, priests, deacons, ministers, staff and others of St. Luke the Evangelist. As Knights, we know and pray for/about the sufferings of those before us experiencing rejection, health issues, job frustration, marriage problems, homelessness, etc. One way or another our prayers and discernments are answered. Here in this note from Ann Donnelly, is an answer to our prayers; but here also is the reason why we are Knights and we are called to pray for the healing of our Brothers and their families: Carren, Orfeo & Dorothy Cicchetti, Jo & Nick Del Donno, Ann & Bill Donnelly, Charlotte & Mike Fober, Peter Kraehenbuehl, Julie & Larry Meese, Matt Petrovick, Gerri and Jack Sobczak, Kelly & Tom Sullivan, Denise & Dan Tomczak, and Michelle & Bill Wolf. If other Brothers and families want to be put on this prayer list, please advise GK John Stanson.

Update - January 1, 2018

Happy New Year, dear family and friends! Bill and I wish you much peace, happiness and good health in 2018. As I write this update, it is 12 degrees below zero here in Saratoga Springs (yikes)! The past few weeks we've had a good amount of snow, some freezing rain, and lots of frigid temperatures. We have still been able to make most of the outpatient therapy sessions despite these weather challenges. We know most of you on the east coast are experiencing colder than normal weather conditions and we are thinking about you!

**Bill continues to make progress in speech. We are trying to get him to slow his pace and enunciate each word in his daily speech. It's okay if you are having a conversation with him to ask him to slow down and repeat what he has said. Certain letters/sounds are difficult for*

Bill but he's come so far!

**OT continues to work with Bill on his left arm, hand and fingers. Amy, the OT Therapist, makes him work hard and has given Bill specific goals, which is great. Most of you know, Bill is a competitor, so goals are good; he continues to push through some of the pain/discomfort.*

**Bill continues to make progress in PT. He loves the pool therapy and it's been so uplifting to see him walking in the pool! On land, they continue to work on strengthening his left leg with weight bearing exercises. Bill will be using a range of motion AFO (ankle, foot, orthosis) to help with walking.*

**We are researching the possibility of traveling to Litchfield Beach, SC from 2/15-3/15 with my mom. I'll be looking at therapy options there so Bill can continue to make progress!*

**Kathleen is coming to Saratoga this Thursday, 1/4 through Monday and we can't*

wait to see her! Sure hope she doesn't look at the forecast for the weekend (HIGH of -2 on Saturday) cause she'll change her mind! :)

Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we face some new challenges. Sometimes, it's a bit overwhelming to both Bill and me but then we really try to focus on the positives and see the good the Lord has provided to us. Please know we keep you all and your intentions in our daily prayers. We love you!

PS. we will be popping open a bottle of champagne today and we will toast all of you!



St. Raphael, Angel of Healing

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. Raphael*

St. Gregory calls Raphael “the Medicine of God.” . . . Heavenly Physician, Angelic Healer, God’s Remedy. “I am the Angel Raphael, one of the seven who stand before the throne of God.” (From Book of Tobias). Holy Scripture gives the names of only three of the seven archangels: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael (God has Healed). God gave Raphael a mandate to cure the body, mental and spiritual afflictions of men.



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From the Grand Knight

Happy New Year Brothers. Thanks to District Deputy and PGK Dave Dubis for recommending the following prayer:

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Now let's talk about what we need in 2018.

We're doing our next community pancake breakfast on January 21 — see article on page 2. I need someone to be the focal point to coordinate this. We have a checklist now, so it's really quite easy. Please let me know if can lead this popular Council event. It is a great opportunity to meet and work with your Brothers in service to the St. Luke's community and the parish loves being part of it.

The "Be My Valentine" charity fund raiser on February 10 (see page 4) is our most popular dance, allowing young and not-so-young to take their sweethearts out for a wonderful evening of dance and fellowship. I need someone to coordinate this event, as well as someone to accept reservations for tickets by phone. Please consider stepping up to help. We will also be looking for volunteers to help setup and serve at the dance. Don't worry, you are never alone, and we have lots of experienced Brothers to assist.

We still have some openings for snacks in the new year. Please take a look and pick a month to support this enjoyable tradition. Thank you so much! Go to and sign up at the hyperlink: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e45aaac23a57-snacks>.

Continue praying for our Brothers

As you know, many of our Brothers are having extra challenges with health and family issues. See preceding page of the newsletter. I will keep you updated as I get news. Please continue to keep them in your prayers for health and peace.

Vivat Jesus, John Stanson, GK

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Family of Month -- Paul & Carole Koster

Paul is a 1st degree Knight, having joined the Order this past September with Reed. Paul jumped in and volunteered for many Council activities, including helping setup for pancake breakfast, cleanup of church property, and serving the youth at the burger bash. His wife, Carole, is a Eucharistic Minister. His son, Mark, and daughters, Stephanie and Allison, are Altar Servers and Ministers of Hospitality. The children are all very involved in their respective youth groups.

Knight of Month -- Reed Murphy

Reed is a 1st degree Knight. Although he just joined the Order this year in September, Reed has been an active member of our parish for many years. He has been a Member of Support Circle for 3 years, a volunteer at Vacation bible school this past year, and a witness to choosing life at the recent "Unmasking Choice" at Nash Community College. Reed is a substitute teacher for Catechism. He also volunteers to set up for many Parish Events throughout the year.