



# St. Luke the Evangelist Council #12455 Raleigh

## New Year Witness: Save the Unborn

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

In Raleigh, Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 10:30 AM, the 8th Annual Love My Life Youth Rally will take place at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. Bishop Zarama will celebrate Diocesan Mass for Life with Rally participants. Details follow on p. 2.

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

Area Brother Knights and State Officers will be prominent and our K of C Honor Guard will lead this impressive witness to the

sanctity of human life and protection of the unborn.

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

Also St. Luke Council's **Faith in Action** program is sponsoring two spiritual reflection events, specifically for Life:

- (1) A Novena for Life from January 14-22 — parish to pray for an end to abortion, euthanasia and other sinful threats to Life; and
- (2) A Holy Hour of prayer for Life, Friday, January 19 at 7 PM.

See following page for info.

The National Washington, DC Right to Life March takes place on Friday, January 18, 2019. Reserve **seating** on a bus by contacting Kathy Klein: (919) 815-1369 or blk4jnj@gmail.com. See following page for details.

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 issues.

The marches are 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 Decision.

By the way — HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### Mark the Dates

**Council Meeting**, Wednesday, 7:30 PM, January 2, A pre meeting reception starts at 6:45 PM.

**K of C State Mid Year Meeting -- East NC**. Saturday, January 5-7, 2019. See State K of C Website for more information.

**Raleigh Love My Life Youth Rally** Saturday, January 12, 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.

**First Degree Exemplification**. Monday, January 14, 7:30 PM at St. Luke's. Council Team to confer degree.

**Faith in Action Programs: Novena for Life**, January 14 to 22. Brothers and families requested to do the nine day spiritual exercise for Life issues and the protection of the unborn.

**Washington D.C. March for Life**. Friday, Jan. 18.

**Holy Hour for Life**. St Luke's, Friday, January 18, 7 PM.

**Second Degree Exemplification**. Wednesday, January 23 at nearby Price Council.

**Council Pancake Breakfast**. Sunday, January 27. Serving starts at 9:30 AM.

**Third Degree Exemplification**. Saturday, February 2, Price Council in Raleigh.

**Council Charities "Be My Valentine" Dance**. Saturday, February 16 at St. Luke's, Free dance lesson at 7:15 PM, Dance from 8 to 10:30 PM.

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# Faith In Action — Life and Faith Programs at St. Luke's

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Brother Jerome Savage, Council Life Director, is **spear-heading** innovative Council efforts in the Faith in Action Life component. Brother Rick Beebe is organizing a parish-wide **Novena for Life**. This nine day prayer exercise is a parish priority commitment, particularly for Knights and their families. The dates are January 14-22.

Brother Jeff Spears, Council Faith Director and Brother Don Struckmeyer, also as part of the Faith in Action Life component Hour are coordinating a **Holy Hour for Life** liturgy on Friday January 19 at St. Luke's. This again is a parish activity and Knights will be participating in the prayerful exercises for life and protection of the unborn.

Diane Masinick (Spouse of Brother Luke) is St. Luke's Parish Respect Life Coordinator. She is promoting parish par-

ticipation in **Raleigh and DC Marches for Life** and in related events commemorating our pro life efforts to save unborn babies.

Future Notes regarding the Life initiative:

Council 12455 is giving \$2 K to **Special Olympics** from our Operation Lamb collections. We do need a Brother to volunteer to attend the Op Lamb giving ceremony this spring. (Date TBA). Let Jerome know, if you might like to do this!

A **Persons with Special Needs Mass** at St. Luke's is planned for Saturday March 2 at 11 PM. This prayerful spiritual event is Chaired by Brother Josh Lindsey and, interestingly, also is an example of the Faith Program's Spiritual Reflection activity.

## Raleigh Rallies and March for Life, Saturday January 12

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The **Love My Life Youth Rally** begins at 10:30 AM at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. Catholic teens will come together to celebrate life, to connect with others from across the Diocese, and to learn more about living and promoting the pro-life culture. Bishop Zarama will celebrate mass after the rally, and the youth and adults will go downtown to participate in the Raleigh March for Life. The rally will feature a dynamic speaker, music, great free food, and will draw our youth to live out a culture of loving, protecting and celebrating all human life!

Location of **Raleigh March for Life and Rally: Halifax Mall**, between Legislative Office Building and Education Building. Starting at 1:30 PM, Pro Life leaders will update us on pro life efforts and challenges. Then at about 2 PM, the march begins and goes through the downtown-area. Raleigh K of C councils are prominent at this march, which usually includes hundreds of citizens from the area parishes and churches. The march — about an hour — usually ends with light deserts and coffee at the Immaculate Conception school. Join us and wear your K of C hats and other St. Luke's parish identifying paraphernalia.

## Washington March for Life, Friday, January 18

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Several Brothers and families plan to make the DC March for Life. It's an experience you will not forget. If you are considering joining the march, this is the year, Pro life policies issues are in the forefront of media coverage. What better way to demonstrate your Catholic faith and promote life of unborn babies, than to attend the DC march and put your voice to action.

The Pro Life Marches are inspiring and very hopeful for future choosing life issues. You will be amazed at the number and enthusiasm of the young people and children marching.

The President has appointed pro life Supreme Court Justices as well as pro life judges to vacant federal benches. These appointees defend the constitution as it is written, and not as a political agenda. Hopefully we will see *Roe v. Wade* overturned in the future.

Take the bus to DC with us. The cost is \$60 per person. Bus departs from St. Raphael's parking lot at 4:30 AM sharp, returning the same day by 11 PM. The fee covers a round trip. We will attend Pro Life mass at the National Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 11:30 AM, then conveyance to the march on Constitution Ave. We will visit the Congressional buildings to make our presence and views known to our Senators and Representatives. The bus will stop for a quick breakfast on the way up and we will stop for dinner on the way back. Breakfast and dinner are on you, but do pack a lunch to eat after mass on the bus to the march.

Make your reservation now by phone Kathy Klein at 919-815-1369 or email: [blk4jnj@gmail.com](mailto:blk4jnj@gmail.com). To insure a spot please make your reservation by December 28.

# Passing of Brother Thomas Joseph Matthews, Jr.

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We are saddened by the passing of our Brother Tom Matthews on November 28th. The visitation was held on Tuesday December 4th at St. Luke Church at 10:00AM with a Funeral Mass following at 11:00AM. Thomas was born in 1942, in Newark, New Jersey, to Thomas and Frances Matthews. As a young man, he attended St. Benedict's Preparatory School in Newark, NJ and then went on to graduate from St. Peter's College in Jersey City, NJ in 1964. After attending St. Peter's, Thomas honorably served his country as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army (1964-1970). His service included a two year assignment in Germany where he was a combat engineer and unit commander.

He married Sharon Hynes, at St. Dorothea's in Eatontown, New Jersey in 1968. On September 21, 2018, Sharon and Thomas celebrated their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Thomas worked as a systems engineer for IBM for 30 years during which he was transferred to North Carolina in 1988. After his retirement from IBM he worked for the central of-

lice at Wake County Public School System and thoroughly enjoyed his time there. Thomas enjoyed fishing, golfing, and spending time with his granddaughter, Zoey. He was an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers and the Cleveland Indians.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Sharon Matthews; his sons, Timothy Matthews of Rolesville, NC and Sean Matthews of Willow Spring, NC; his daughter, Katie Elder (Eric) of Monroe, NC; granddaughter, Zoey Noelle; and his niece, Margaret Mary Norton. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Thomas and Frances Matthews, and his brother, Edward John Matthews.

After the burial, the family welcomed friends to join them for lunch at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in memory of Thomas to the American Cancer Society, <https://donate3.cancer.org>, 8300 Health Park, Suite10, Raleigh, NC 27615

## Keep Our Brothers and Families in Prayer

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Please remember in prayer those who are disabled or confined due to illness or other reasons. Knights or families of our Council continue to experience challenges with health and other issues. Please keep Brothers and their families in prayer: Bob Beasley, Linda Corsmeier, Joann Crumlich (widow of Don), Nick and Jo Del Donno, Thresa DeMarco (Frank and Rich's mother), Bill Donnelly, Rodger Ewbank, Peter Kraehenbuehl, Sharon Matthews (Tom's wife), Larry Meese, Matt Petrovick, Tom Phan's father in law, Letty Phillips, Don Scott, Jack Sobczak, Jan Tenbarga, and Bill Wolf.

Remember to pray for the repose of souls passing in 2018, particularly, Dan Tomczak, Sera Abell and Tom Matthews

Several Brothers visit Bill Donnelly and/or Peter Kraehenbuehl monthly or at a time that is available. If you wish to join us in coordination of such visits, just let me know ([JJMTHAAG@Bellsouth.net](mailto:JJMTHAAG@Bellsouth.net) or call 919-841-5817).

## St. Raphael, Angel of Healing

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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.**

## Council Christmas Party -- Keith Kosinski, GK

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We had a wonderful time at the 2018 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.

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

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.

Thanks To Marilyn Struckmeyer and her Daughter Gretchen for leading us in sing Christmas Carols. It was fun to see and hear Carolers at each of the tables. It was a great time to exchange Christmas greetings, enjoying fellowship and deepening friendships.

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 below. Vivat Jesus, Keith

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## 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree Exemplifications, All in One Month

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Council 12455's Degree Team will confer the First Degree of Knighthood on Monday January 14th at St. Luke's at 7 :30 PM. Please mention this to Catholic men of the parish who you have been thinking might be interested in becoming Knights.

**First Degree Knights:** You have a rare and convenient opportunity to move up to the Second Degree on Wednesday, January 23 at nearby Price Council .Let GK Keith know this week.

**Second Degree Knights:** Now may be

your time to advance to full Knighthood in the Third Degree at Raleigh's Price Council on Saturday, February 2 -- early afternoon.

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

WOW! This means that a new Brother becoming a 1st degree Knight at our January 12th exemplification, can move up to 2nd degree Knighthood, two weeks later at Price Council.

Then all our Second Degrees can achieve full Knighthood in the Third Degree at a February 2nd Third Degree exemplification — again at nearby Price Council.

Let GK Keith Kosinski know ASAP so that registration and transportation arrangements can be made with the respective conferring councils.

You will not regret taking advantage of these impressive Knighthood ceremonies.

Do it!

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# Knights in Action



**Bishop Zaroma with Council CPO Volunteers**



**Brother Joe setting up for Council Christmas Party**



**Music and Celebration at Council Christmas Gathering**



**Dancers at the Veterans Day Dance**

## “Be My Valentine” Charity Fund Raiser, Saturday, February 16

Make your plans to attend our Council’s first major 2019 Charity Fund Raiser. It takes place on Saturday, February 16, 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, St. Thomas More, homeschools and nearby parishes attended. At 7:15 PM, Rollin again will provide a complimentary dance lesson for those interested in honing their dance skills.

Brothers, this is a pre Lent and inexpensive night out with your special “Valentine.”

Net proceeds from this event fund our many Council pro life, family, community and youth charities.

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.

We appreciate your pitching in to help run this event and cooperative effort will help us achieve a successful fund raising result.

There are jobs to be done: A Brother needs to step up and serve as event coordinator. Help us sell tickets after masses. We also need assistance: decorating and setting up, staffing soft drink sales and admission ta-

ble. Clean up has gone well as the teens pitch in after to clean up after the event. The coordinator’s job is make sure all of this team work comes together, 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 — we understand! **So come anyway** and socialize with your Brother Knights and ladies. At least, buy a ticket or two to support our charities. THANKS!



## Men’s Ignatian Retreat, May 17-19, 2019

For the last 11 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 12th Ignatian Retreat for Men is scheduled for the weekend of May 17-19, 2019.

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.

This silent retreat weekend is jointly spon-

sored 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](mailto:jjmthaag@bellsouth.net).

# Brothers Assemble Diocesan Crèche



Chris Mitta and a team of Knights assembled the Nativity stable at the Diocesan Headquarters on Stonehenge Drive in Raleigh. The project included picking up, transporting and reassembling the wooded stable, polystyrene Thanks

## Council # 12455 Charities

This calendar year, we practiced our First Degree principle of charity. Here are the Council's charitable outlays during 2018.

- ◇ St. Luke Final Cross donation —\$250
- ◇ Operation Lamb— \$5,159
- ◇ Seminarian Support—\$1,500
- ◇ Bioethical Reform —\$300
- ◇ Birth Choice Run for Life— \$300
- ◇ CPO – \$250

- ◇ Coats for Vets — \$200
- ◇ Coats for Kids at CPO — \$1,549
- ◇ Mass for Deceased Brothers -- \$100
- ◇ Divine Mercy Radio - \$200
- ◇ Vita Nova - \$500
- ◇ Prolife fund - \$200
- ◇ Diocese Religious Freedom Week — \$250

These outlays were funded via our Council 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!



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

## From the Grand Knight

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### Family of Month -- Don Struckmeyer

This is Don's first year as a Knight. After joining the Council, Don jumped right in to our community activities by helping to prepare the food at the parish-wide pasta dinner that the Knights held for the Adult Faith Formation event at St. Luke, and our pancake breakfast. Don is a Hospitality Minister at Mass and also a member of the Journeymen, the parishes' faith formation group for men.

Don's wife, Marilyn, is the Head of Music and Liturgy for St. Luke Parish. In that role, she plays the organ and piano music for weekend Masses, leads the adult and children choirs and provides liturgical guidance for all religious services at the Church.

They have four children, two married and two still in college, and have also been blessed with three grandchildren.

Congratulations Don, and please also give our thanks to Marilyn for all you and your wife do for the Council and the Parish.



### Knight of Month -- Ken Low

Brother Ken has been a Knight for over 20 years. After the recent hurricane that caused severe damage in North Carolina, Ken looked for opportunities to show his Faith in Action through disaster relief work. For the K of C, he made deliveries of supplies to Wilmington and Fayetteville for distribution. Still wanting to help more, Ken and a friend also joined with other relief organizations near Lumberton for more than a week, "mucking out" houses and helping with reconstruction of one home previously destroyed by hurricane Matthew.

In addition to disaster recovery, Ken also supports our K of C Food for Families service program by volunteering each week at the CPO food

