



# St. Luke the Evangelist Council #12455 Raleigh

## Marches for Life: Raleigh and DC

On Saturday, January 12, 2019, more than 1,500 Catholics from across the Diocese attended the Raleigh March for Life. Accompanying Fr. Rob at the rally and downtown walk were several Brothers and about 10 Carpe Diem and Vita Nova youth with Stephanie Jones, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry.

The Raleigh march seemed smaller than some in the past, possibly attributable to Love my Life youth rally discontinuance and iffy weather.

Brothers and family members attending the Friday, January 18th Washington DC, March for

Life include: Abell, Benigno, Steve DiMassimo and Rich DiMassimo (dad) Haag, Paul and Mark Koster and family, Drew and Tim Nichols and Tom, Debbie and Josh Lindsey — traveling by bus from St. Raphael’s with marchers from nearby parishes.

Only one bus departed from St. Raphael’s whereas in previous years there were two or three buses from that location.

Summing up the experience — The weather was beautiful. Vice President Mike Pence and wife Karen physically attended and spoke at the rally. The NC Diocesan Mass for Life was inspiring

and packed with Catholics from all over the state. Our three RSVP seminarians were there in ceremonial procession. (See p. 8). Witnessing the overwhelming number of youth marching was exhilarating and encouraging. The March was one of the best attended.

After the march we joined a reception hosted by Senators Tillis, Burr and Representative Holding. Legislative staff were there to greet us; however, the Congressmen and Senators themselves were not present. They did extend recorded TV greetings.

### Mark the Dates

**Council Meeting**, Wednesday, 7:30 PM, March 13. There will be a pre meeting reception at 6:45 PM.

**Sell State Raffle Tickets**. Half the proceeds are returned to the Council. See article on p.8.

**State Raffle Tickets Due Date**: Friday, March 15, Cut off for Council submission of raffle returns to State.

**Fraternal Benefits Night**. Wednesday, March 20, 7 PM at St Luke’s Conference Room (Knights’ Meeting area).

**Council Meeting**, Wednesday, 7:30 PM, April 3. There will be a pre meeting reception at 6:45 PM.

**K of C Soup Supper**. Friday April 5, After Stations.

**Council Mass**. Offered for Brothers and families, Saturday, April 6, 5:30 PM.

**Ignited by Truth**. April 6-7, 2019,

**Council Pancake Breakfast**. Sunday, April 7, serving starts at 9:30 AM.

**Charism Mass**. Tuesday, April 16 at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral.

**State K of C Convention**. April 26-28, Hilton, Raleigh.

**Council Sponsored Men’s Ignatian Retreat**, Avila Retreat Center, ” Friday– Sunday, May 17-19. See pages 2 and 11.

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# Valentines Dance – Social and Financial Success – GK Keith

Here's an update on our **Valentine's Day Dance**. Thanks to Brother Chris Taurence for chairing this event. And also to the many Brothers who helped sell tickets at Masses, created posters/flyers, promoted among your friends and community, setup hall, bought/served drinks, cleaned up, brought desserts, or simply came and made the evening enjoyable for all - THANK YOU!!

Over 100 Tickets sold. Here's the dance by the numbers:

\$ 1,248 - Gross ticket proceeds  
\$ 113 - Drink sales  
\$ 10 - Donations  
\$ 1,371 - Total

\$ -624 - High Society Orchestra and \$ -130 Other Exp.

Net \$ 617 - For Council 12455 charities

In particular, I would like to name Brothers and spouses who helped so much to make this project a great Council success.

**Promotion:** Brothers Benigno, Bihlmeyer, Haag and Savage;

**Poster/Flier:** Brother Phan;

**Sell Tickets after masses:** Brothers Bob Bagin, Benigno, Haag, Hill, Kosinski, Taurence

**Set up:** Brothers Dubis, Haag, Kosinski, Taurence, Przytulski;

**Decoration:** Christine and Chris Taurence;

**Food Service/Ticket Table:** Brothers Cuffney, Nichols and kids, Phan, Sancineto,

**Cleanup:** Brothers Koster & kids, Nichols & kids, Savage & kids, and the young men and women from high schools that attended.

Of course, thanks to so many parishioners and members who contributed delicious desserts and eats.

I hope I haven't forgotten anyone on this long listing. Last, but certainly not least, thanks to all of you and your friends who attended this parish community event.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Veterans Dance this fall!



## Council Fraternal Benefits Night

Do you need information or have questions about retirement, long-term health care and estate planning?

The Knights of Columbus may be able to help. You are cordially invited to a benefits night on Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the lower level of the Parish Hall. All Knights and their wives and any interested parishioners are welcome to attend this informative event. We will have refreshments and snacks.

You may not know that the Knights have a plethora of Family Fraternal Benefits and can provide a complementary professional financial analysis through our Field Agent, Michael McDonough.

We will discuss the following items that night: risks that many members will face in retirement; estate planning/estate preservation; tax diversification; guaranteed lifetime income.

So come on out and get informed as to what the Knights of Columbus can do for you and your family. Enjoy the fellowship of Brother Knights and their wives and make sure that you know of every opportunity to protect your family and have a worry free retirement.



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## January 27th Pancake Breakfast Well Attended — GK Keith

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I just want to thank everyone for making the pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 27th a great success. This was the best-attended breakfast that I can remember. The food was excellent, including the gluten-free pancakes. After

expense outlays, we netted \$312 for our Council charities. THANK YOU!!!

You set up, cooked, served, cleaned up very efficiently and professionally. I heard many kind words of appreciation from parishioners.

**Our next (quarterly) pancake breakfast is scheduled for April 7th.**

## Men's Ignatian Retreat, May 17-19, 2019 — Jim Haag

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For the last 11 years, Council 12455 has sponsored this annual retreat at Avila in Durham. Over 40 St. Luke's men have participated over the years.

Our 12th Ignatian Retreat for Men is scheduled for May 17-19, the weekend after Mothers' Day. 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 retreat will be directed by Fr. Christopher J. Ryan, S.J., Parochial Vicar at St. Raphael's.

Father Chris is eagerly looking forward to leading us in this spiritual growth weekend. His conferences will emphasize the St. Ignatius' spiritual exercises and focus on strategies to discern the elements of each of our personal vocations. See page 10 of this Newsletter for detail and registration information.

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 reserve a private room at the Avila Center for the retreat, return the registration form (Newsletter, page 11) and the \$95 deposit.

Note that the deposit is refundable up to two weeks prior to the retreat.

## Lenten Soup Supper, Friday April 5 — Felipe Mendez

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Brothers: We are again hosting the Lenten Soup Supper after the Stations of the Cross on April 5. Please bring your favorite gourmet

meatless soup to feed our parishioners. And your help serving it will be greatly appreciated. We will have a sign up sheet at our next

meeting or just forward your info to Felipe at [mendezman68@gmail.com](mailto:mendezman68@gmail.com).

## Electing Council Officers, Council Program Opportunities

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We elect Council officers in May yearly. Our Nominating Committee is seeking Brothers who may like to be considered for election to an officer position. To be an officer you must be a 3rd degree Knight. Make suggestions known to Frank Sancineto, Jr.

We also want to identify Brothers who wish to shape our Council's program initiatives: Life, Family, Community, and Faith. See pages 5 and 6 for a detailed perspective on our Council's many program opportunities.

Many of our 135 Knights are available, interested, willing and/or ready to engage. Can you lead or help out in a worthy cause? Are you at a point in your life when you observe a need for or even aspire to lead a good work(s)? Step up and guide our Council in 2019 and beyond.

On the other hand, existing Church and Council programs can use your help. Some examples: youth ministry, Journeymen, Operation Lamb, Peter Visitation, Knight Riders, CPO, Pro Life,

Council recruitment and retention, music ministry, Perpetual Adoration in evenings and early mornings, and many more. . . .

Where is the Lord telling you to step out and serve Him?

Finally, consider calling a Brother that you have not seen in a while and invite him to come with you to our next meeting? He will appreciate your outreach and may be open to get involved in our Council activities.

## Chrism Mass — Need Brothers to Help — Tim Nichols

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For the last few years, our Council has led the effort to support the annual Diocesan Chrism Mass. We have received a state award for this worthy effort.

The Chrism Mass is celebrated annually in every diocese and is one of the most solemn and important liturgies of the liturgical year. This year the Chrism Mass will take place at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral on April 16. During the Mass, the Bishop will bless the Oil of the Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and consecrates the Sacred Chrism.

The Chrism Mass also celebrates the ministry of the priests. They are invited to renew their commitment of service and are given the prayers and support of the people of the Diocese, represented in the faithful who have gathered for the Mass.

After the Rite of the Blessing of the Oils and Consecration of the Chrism the Holy Oils are taken to a room where volunteers prepare smaller bottles packaged into individual boxes. The box of Holy Oils containing one of each is then returned for the Distribution of the Holy Oils and the Sacred Chrism. It is during this

time that the Vicar General calls forth the parishes, campus ministries, missions, stations and military bases located in the Dioceses.

The St. Luke's Council has had a key role in this challenging and sometimes hectic effort. We have at least 12 Knights who are ready, willing and able to do this.

Brother Tim Nichols is coordinating this this sacred effort, and he invites you to join in this worthy and honorable assignment. How about you? Just let Tim Nichols know!



# Msgr. Quinn: A Priest and Knight — Fr. Rob Staley

***Brothers, this is one of the most inspirational articles I have ever read on the Knights of Columbus website and I wanted to share with you. Blessings, Fr. Rob***

Decades before Martin Luther King, Jr. would begin advocating for civil rights, Knight of Columbus member, Msgr. Bernard Quinn fought for the dignity and rights of African-Americans during the rise of nativism and racism led by the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s.

Msgr. Quinn knew it was his duty as a Knight to fight against racial discrimination since the organization has always been a fierce opponent of the Ku Klux Klan. The fight included legal battles to defend the rights of minorities as well as the [commission](#) of books that promoted racial equality, with one by civil rights proponent W.E.B. DuBois. When the Klan took to acts of violence, Knights [responded](#) by protecting priests, Catholics and other Knights from the Klan's angry mob.

In 1928, Msgr. Quinn and the Klan had their own conflict. After he founded the orphanage "The Little Flower House of Providence" for African-American children in New York, the Klan set it ablaze. Undeterred, Msgr. Quinn rebuilt it only for the Klan to burn it down again several months later. Still Quinn didn't give up, this time rebuilding the orphanage with concrete and brick. The headline in *The Brooklyn Daily Eagle* [read](#), "New Fireproof Orphanage Will Defy Incendiary."

He also founded St. Peter Claver Church, the first parish established for Black Catholics in the Diocese of Brooklyn. In a [letter](#) to his parishioners, he wrote, "I would willingly shed to the last drop my life's blood" for each one of them, regardless of their race.

Msgr. Quinn was born to Irish immigrant parents in Newark, N.J., on January 15, 1888, the same day that Martin Luther King, Jr. would be born decades later. Early in his priesthood, Msgr. Quinn approached Bishop Charles Edward McDonnell, with the [desire](#) of establishing an "apostolate to Blacks" to

serve the Brooklyn diocese's growing African-American population. These people were coming to New York to flee the Jim Crow laws of the South or were migrating from Caribbean countries.

Msgr. Quinn never got permission for a formal apostolate. Instead, he [served](#) in parishes around Long Island and Brooklyn before volunteering as an Army chaplain during World War I. During his time in France, Msgr. Quinn served in racially inclusive Knights of Columbus huts, known for their [slogan](#) "Everybody Welcome. Everything Free." Even after surviving a gas attack, Msgr. Quinn stayed in France following the conclusion of the war to tend to the wounded.

Upon his return to the U.S., Msgr. Quinn received several assignments within the Brooklyn diocese before petitioning again to open a church for the African-American population, who were unwelcome in German, Irish and Italian neighborhoods.

"It seems to me that no church can exclude any one and still keep its Christian ideals," Msgr. Quinn [said](#). "The Constitution guarantees the freedom of religion and this, plus the fact that church property is tax exempt, ought to mean that anyone can go any place to worship."

Finally, in 1921, Msgr. Quinn was named rector of St. Peter Claver Church. Before long, 10,000 people of all ethnicities filled the church each week for a popular novena, allowing the ministry to Brooklyn's Black Catholics to expand.

Msgr. Quinn died in 1940 at age 52, and the cause for his [canonization](#) was opened in 2008. Throughout his life, he championed African-American rights, emblematic of the Knights of Columbus' mission: Everybody Welcome. Everybody Free.

***NOTE: Click on Blue Hyperlinks for documentation and background.***

# Council Programs and Program Leaders (March 2019)

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## **Program Director – Jim Haag**

Newsletter /Scrap Book

## **Membership – Reed Murphy**

Membership Drives

First Degree Team -- Jim Haag

## **\*Life – Jerome Savage**

- \* Pregnancy Center Support —  
    Outreach For Truth —Bill Schultz  
    Birth Choice support  
    40 Days — prayer at abortion  
        facilities
- \* Novena for Life — Jerome Savage
- \* Marches for Life
- \* Mass for People with SNs — Josh Lindsey  
    Operation Lamb – Jim Hill

## **\*Family Activities – Tim Nichols**

- \* Family, of Month/Year —Keith Kosinski
- \* Consecration to Holy Family — Drew  
    Nichols (12/30/18)  
    Church Picnic — Frank Sancineto, Jr.  
    2 Dances  
    2 Dinners  
    4 Communion Breakfasts  
    Social Gatherings —Frank Sancineto, Jr.  
    Vita Nova  
    Altar Servers - Dave Sofra
- \* Food for Families — Joe Jacobs/Joe Huray
- \* Keep Christ In Christmas — Chris Mitta

## **\*Faith – Jeff Spears**

- RCIA – Jeff Spears
- Council/ Corporal Masses— Jeff Spears
- RSVP - Keith Kosinski
- \* Into the Breach —  
    Knights in Journeymen program
- \* Spiritual Reflection  
    Men’s Ignatian Retreat — Jim Haag
- \* Holy Hour—Don Struckmeyer  
    Adoration Hours — Jorge Esguerra
- \* Rosary — Orfeo Cicchetti
- \* Sacramental Gifts — Mark Koster

## **\*Community — Dennis Moya**

- Adopt-a-Highway – Dave Abell
- Veterans –
- \* Coats for Kids — Jim Hoyle
- \* Free Throw Championship or  
    Soccer Challenge
- \* Helping Hands – Dennis Moya  
    Prison Ministry — Dave Abell  
    Raleigh Rescue Mission  
    Family Support Team — Jim Haag  
    Oak City Ministry — Mike Struble  
    Knight Rides — Tom Lindsey  
    Peter K & Bill D Visitation — Jim  
    Haag
- \* Habitat for Humanity — Tim Nichols

***Asterisks indicate Council 12455  
“Faith in Action” initiatives.***

# FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS January 2019

PROGRAM	CHAIR	EXISTING	PLANNED	DESCRIPTION
<b>FAITH (Jeff Spears)</b>				
RSVP (Featured)	Jeff Spears	Yes	Yes	Vocation support
Into the Breach		No	Possible in 2019	Men's study group
Marion Icon Prayer Program		No	Possible in 2019	Prayer event
Building the Domestic Church Kiosk		No	Possible in 2019	Kiosk (\$150) with literature/instruction
Rosary Program	Orfeo Cicchetti	Partially	Yes	Rosary event
Spiritual Reflections Program (New & Required)	Jim Haag	Partially	Yes	Spiritual retreat
Holy Hour (New)	Esguerra/Struckmeyer	Partially	Yes	Quarterly adoration
Sacramental Gifts (New)	Mark Koster	No	Yes	Present gifts
<b>FAMILY (Tim Nichols)</b>				
Food for Families (Featured)	Joe Jacobs/Joe Huray	Partially	Yes	Use CPO food drive as program
Family of the Month/Year	Keith Kosinski	Yes	Yes	Awards monthly and annually
Keep Christ in Christmas	Chris Mitta	Yes	Yes	Nativity, cards and communications
Family Fully Alive		No	Unlikely in 2018	Part of Family Week program; quarterly
Family Week		No	Unlikely in 2018	Week of events for parish/community
Consecration to the Holy Family (Required)	Drew Nichols	No	Yes	Dec 30th Sunday after Christmas
Family Prayer Night (New)		No	Unlikely in 2018	Quarterly family prayer and games event
Good Friday Family Promotions (New)		No	Possible in 2019	Promotion and participation
<b>COMMUNITY (Dennis Moya)</b>				
Coats for Kids (Featured)	Jim Hoyle	No	Yes	Acquisition and distribution of new coats
Global Wheelchair Mission (Featured)		No	No	Acquisition and distribution of wheelchairs
Habitat for Humanity (Featured)	Nichols/Moya	Partial	Yes	Support Habitat with min. \$1,000 or 200 hrs.
Disaster Preparedness	<b>TBD</b>	No	Possible in 2018	Disaster response planning
Free Throw Championship		No	Possible in 2018	Athletic competition
Catholic Citizen Essay Contest		No	Possible in 2018	Writing competition
Soccer Challenge		No	Possible in 2018	Athletic competition
Helping Hands (New & Required)	Dennis Moya	Partial	Yes	Parish/council assistance to families in need
<b>LIFE (Jerome Savage)</b>				
Marches for Life (Featured)	Jerome Savage	Yes	Yes	Support Right to Life rallies and marches
Special Olympics (Featured)	Jerome Savage	Partial	Yes	Support Olympics (\$2,000 or 200 hours)
Ultrasound program (Featured)		No	No	Support acquisition of machines or mobile units
Christian Refugee Relief		No	Possible in 2019	Support Christian Refugee relief
Silver Rose		No	Possible in 2019	Silver Rose prayer service
Mass for People with Special Needs (New)	Tom and Josh Lindsey	No	Yes	Organize and promote Mass for special needs
Pregnancy Center Support (New)		No	Possible in 2019	Pregnancy center support projects
Novena for Life (New & Required)	Rick Beebe	No	Yes	Coordinate Novena - 40 Days for Life (possible)

# From the Grand Knight

Congratulations to Brothers Jim Hoyle and Tim Nichols who received the honor of Third Degree bringing them into full Knighthood. Our Worthy State Deputy, John Nussbaum, was present and offered words of encouragement. As shown in the picture, Brothers Spears, Jacobs, Cuffney, Moya and I observed the exemplification. Also, it was good to see about 40 new Knights at the ceremony.



Brother Charles Butler and family are to be congratulated for receiving the K of C Supreme's Family of the Month award for December. Well done!

Our Council continues to attract new members. Joining at the recent 1<sup>st</sup> degree were Brothers Manfred Stenke and Jay Brizendine. In addition, Brother Jim Samborsky is attending our Council under the new eKnight program. Please welcome them all at the next meeting or if you see them at Church.

Each year Council submits a report of our activity for the year. Let me summarize our Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for calendar 2018 with you. Last year our Council's reported charitable disbursements were: \$6,780 in total including: Church — \$3,500, Culture of Life — \$800, Community — \$2,230, and Family — \$250. Additionally, we raised \$5,159 for Operation Lamb

through two weekend collections at Wal-Mart. This money was donated to benefit the Special Olympics and persons with special needs.

Feeling busy; you should! Council Brothers and their families put in an estimated 22,802 hours of volunteer service. Allocated by activity these are: Church - 10,831, Community - 9,131, Family - 507, Culture of Life - 633, Food for Families - 1,700. Additionally, Operation Lamb - 2 weekends, 32 slots filled over 4 days, about 100 hours.

Starting this new calendar year, we urge that Brothers continue to participate in Council and other service activities. Each should consider working on at least two or three Faith in Action service programs, helping at various community breakfasts, dinners and dances, supporting other church and community activities, and doing at least one shift for Operation Lamb fundraiser. Family members are always welcome.

See listings of our current and future programs in this newsletter. If there is a new project or event that you know of, or that you are already involved with, please share these ideas with me at keithkosinski@gmail.com.

As new members join us, I am looking forward to accomplishing even more. Brothers, your time and talents are very much appreciated! Vivat Jesus, Keith

## January Knights of Month -

Brother Knights Drew Nichols and Steven DiMassimo are studying for the priesthood. Each is receiving the Knight of the Month award. Our parishioner seminarians were recently named by Father Rob as the "two best" seminarians in the Diocese. It seems fitting that we recognize them both for the vocation they have chosen and the service they are already providing. We will send the certificates to them along with a letter of congratulations from the Council. See their picture on the following page.

## January Family of the Month -

Brother Knights Tom and Josh Lindsey's are receiving the Family of the

Month for January considering their long-time support of the Right to Life. The Lindsey family just participated in the recent March for Life rally in Washington DC as well as local Respect Life activities.

In the latest newsletter from the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform (CBR), Josh, who is a new staff member, is highlighted for his thoughtful interactions with students at Alamance College. Of course Debbie, Tom and Josh are Lectors, Music Ministry Members, and Debbie is St. Luke's Choir Violinist. Tom is on the Council's First Degree Team, is a Peter K. visitation team member and he coordinates our Knight Riders who transport folks who need rides to and from mass. There can be no doubt that the Lindsey's fully em-

brace the principles of the Knight's service initiatives to support Life, Family and Community.

Congratulations Tom, Debbie and Josh!!





## Pray for and Support Vocations

Promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life is a primary focus of the Knights. With the help of the Knights men and women will hear their calls as a result of our prayers and vocation materials. As Knights, we know the difference that one good priest can make. Raise awareness and get involved.

Supreme's Refund Support Vocations Program (R.S.V.P.) gives financial incentives to councils for financial aid to seminarians.

Council 12455 has continually participated in R.S.V.P., giving money to seminarians from the diocese and our parish. The goal is to provide both financial and/or moral support. This year we are helping Noe Ramirez de Paz and St. Luke's own parishioners and First Degree Brothers: Steven DiMassimo and Drew Nichols.

We got to know and appreciate Noe as he assisted Father Rob in various parish ministries during summer a couple of years ago. He comes back to see us when possible on breaks from the seminary.

Of course, Steve DiMassimo grew up in this parish and participated in our youth ministries in high school. Before seminary, Steve was a FOCUS minister at the University of Connecticut. To our delight, Drew Nichols started his study for the priesthood this last fall. Noe and Steve and Drew reside at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Winneewood PA.

**See their pictures below at the NC Mass for Life at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in DC (January 19, 2018)**

Our Council is privileged to support each of these seminarians at the \$50 per month level. For each \$500 we send to a seminar-

ian, Supreme reimburses \$100 to Council for our charities.

This aid is welcome to the seminarians who live on a shoestring. The extra funds can be used at their discretion -- for studies or personal needs. They are so grateful and send thank you notes, often sharing their progress in study, interests, and challenges.

However, it's not just the dollars we send, we continue to support them through prayer and personal encouragement.

One way to do this is for Brothers to volunteer to send Council checks via a personal note and assurance of prayer support to our seminarians. It only takes a couple of minutes to jot down a quick note to convey prayerful intention with the monetary support. This is very encouraging to our seminarians.



## State Raffle: 50% Comes Back to Council 12455

Brother Robert Bagin is heading our 2019 K of C State Raffle. You, your family, friends, co-workers, or neighbors could win one of several cash prizes. As in the past, 50% of all sales are earned for Council 12455 for each \$5.00 ticket sold. Each of you should have received 5 tickets for purchase/sale.

Needless to say, this is a much needed source of cash for our Council charitable efforts such as the R.S.V.P. program outlined above.

Charity does begin at home. We ask that you sell or buy at least the five raffle tickets to support those worthy charities that the Council has elected to support.

If we sell all 600 tickets we'll have \$1,500.00 to consider for charitable use.

Help the cause, buy your allotment of State Raffle Tickets. You may be the lucky person to win a great vacation for you and your family!

Please turn in your tickets no later than March 15. Otherwise we do not qualify for the 50/50 state/council sharing of proceeds. The drawing takes place on April 27 at our State Convention here in Raleigh.



## Pray for our Brothers, their Families and Spouses

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Brother Knights 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. One way or another our prayers and discernments are answered. We mourn the loss and pray for the soul of Brother Nick Del Donno. See below.

Knights are called to pray for the healing of our Brothers and their families. Remember in particular: Dorothy Cicchetti, Linda Corsmeier, Jo Del Donno, Ann & Bill Donnelly, Mary Ellen Hill, Lynne Loebach, Peter Kraehenbuehl, Sharon Matthews, Julie & Larry Meese, Lori Nussbaum, Matt Petrovick, Letty Phillips, Jack Sobczak, Kelly & Tom Sullivan, and Michelle & Bill Wolf. If other Brothers and families want to be put on this prayer list, please tell GK Keith Kosinski.

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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*

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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.

## Loss of Brother Nicholas Del Donno, Jr.

We are saddened by the loss of our Brother Knight Nicholas Del Donno Jr., 85, who passed away Thursday, February 28, 2019 at the Rosewood Health Center. Nick leaves behind his loving wife of 62 years, Josephine; his daughters, Lisa Matarese and Diana Poston; six grandchildren, Justin, Brandon and Kate Matarese, Nicole Stone, Melissa Poston, and Danielle Grabowski; his sister Rose Ward.

Nick Del Donno Jr., a veteran of the Korean Conflict, was a lifetime member with 34 years as a Knight of Columbus. He retired from IBM after 36 years. Nick loved to tell stories and to laugh. He loved Brother Knights’ visits, praying the rosary, reading Scripture, and talking about his Catholic Faith. He appreciated the Legion of Mary visitations and prayers.

A funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m., Friday, March 8, at Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, Raleigh. Brother Knights were privileged to be pall bearers at that mass.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Association, 135 Parkinson Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305

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# Brother Knights & Friends at DC March for Life



*New CBR staff member Joshua Lindsay participated in CBR's "Choice" project at Alamance College in Graham, North Carolina. When a student named "Kate" said it should be legal to abort a baby who can't survive outside the womb, Mr. Lindsay, who has cerebral palsy, countered with the fact that he couldn't survive if people did not help him to eat and drink, etc. Obviously, their discussion left her with food for thought. Mr. Lindsay was encouraged when a professor thanked him for being there, saying, "I agree 100% with what you're doing." We thank God that Mr. Lindsay has become a new CBR staff member.*



*Fifteen of us from St. Luke's took the bus to DC for the March for Life: Dave Abell, Mike Benigno, Rich DiMassimo, Jim Haag, Paul and Carol Koster and family (6), Debbie, Josh and Tom Lindsey, and Tim and Michael Nichols. The group on the Basilica does not include the Lindsey's and the Koster's who were not at the Basilica when the picture was taken. Of course both Brother Knights Steve DiMassimo and Drew Nichols, as seminarians, were in procession for the NC Bishops' Mass for Life. Also Deacon Noe Ramirez de Paz led the procession and delivered incense to the two celebrating Bishops. Probably others from the parish attended but did not ride the bus, nor did we see them in the huge crowd of marchers.*

# Discerning God's Plan and Carrying it into Action

## Ignatian Retreat for Men

May 17-19, 2019

Avila Retreat Center, Durham, NC

Our twelfth 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 Retreat Center is located at 711 Mason Rd., Durham. The retreat starts Friday (5/17) at about 5 PM and closes Sunday (5/19) around noon. This experience in solitude and prayer opens us to His plan for us and for those entrusted to us.

Fr. Christopher J. Ryan, S.J., Associate Pastor, St. Raphael the Archangel Parish in Raleigh, will direct the retreat. Joining the Jesuits in 2004, after graduation from Dartmouth College as a geography major, he studied and earned a master's in philosophy and a master's in divinity and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology. Fr. Chris has taught in a Jesuit middle school, assisted in student retreats at Holy Cross, and served in Mexico, Brazil, Chile and Guatemala. As retreat director, Father Chris 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. Past retreatants attest to the value of this Ignatian spiritual experience – as their relation with the Lord was strengthened and deepened.

Avila Center is unique as a retreat environment -- a peaceful and reflective setting for meditation and prayerful walks around the wooded landscape. The \$195 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 919-841-5817 (H) or 919-995-1057 (C). E-mail: [JIMTHAAG@bellsouth.net](mailto:JIMTHAAG@bellsouth.net). Make your reservation by sending the form below with a \$95 deposit to K of C Council #12455 – note Men's Retreat to: Ignatian Men's Retreat, C/O Jim Haag, 500 Emerywood Dr., Raleigh, NC 27615.

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### Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*The deposit is refundable up to two weeks prior to the retreat