



St. Luke the Evangelist Council #12455 Raleigh

Parish Picnic – Unity Demonstrated

Council 12455 was asked by the parish to run the annual St. Luke’s Parish Picnic, to take place on October 17, the Sunday before the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist.

With two months to manage this outing, GK Craig O’Brien organized a planning team consisting of himself and Brothers Aremita Nichols, Phan, Sancineto and Savage — all knowledgeable about St. Luke’s facilities, resources and equipment and participants in previous parish picnics.

Initial decisions focused on set up, facilities needed, i.e., overhead tents, tables,

etc., food and drinks, entertainment and most importantly, food preparation and service — with full attention to pandemic protections needed for attendees.

Knights and parishioners were organized by task: Pepper and onion preparation, Table and chair set up, Grill team, Meal prep team, Serving team, Beverage team, Singing Knights, Corn hole team, and Clean up team.

Over 30 Knights and many parishioners and spouses joined in helping to make this undertaking memorable. Msgr. Ingham and parish staff were delighted

with the event and its extensive parish involvement and success. God provided the wonderful sunny weather.

Over 300 parishioners and guests attended. And a wonderful time was had by all.

The talents, hard work, and cooperation of many parishioners came together, and this was truly a welcome and needed parish wide-event. We all enjoyed seeing many friends and parishioners, face to face!

See page 7 for pictures.

Mark the Dates

Council Meeting. Wednesday, December 1. A pre meeting reception at 6:45 PM. Meeting follows.

Diocesan Crèche Installation. Saturday, December 4, 1 PM.

Pancake Breakfast. Sunday, December 5. Serving starts after the 8:30 AM mass.

Adopt a Highway. Saturday, December 11 at St. Luke’s parking lot between 8 and 9 AM, weather permitting.

Council Christmas Party. Saturday, December 11th at St. Luke’s 6:30 PM.

Council Meeting. Wednesday, January 5. A pre meeting reception at 6:45 PM. Meeting follows.

Raleigh Rally and March for Life. Saturday, January 15, 2022.

Washington March for Life. Friday, January 21, 2022

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Council Officer Induction

On September 5, after the 11 AM Sunday Mass, our 2021-22 K of C officials commissioned our Council's elected and appointed officers. Officers are: GK Craig O'Brien, DGK Chris Taurence, Chancellor Tim Nichols, Recorder Mike Moyer, Treasurer Joe Jacobs, Advocate Bob Beasley, Warden Manfred Stenke, Inside Guard Jim Hoyle, Outside Guard Tom Lindsey, Trustees: 1 Yr. Dave Dubis, 2 Yr. John Stanson, 3 Yr. Keith Kosinski, Lecturer Jerome Savage, Financial Secretary James Cuffney, and Chaplain Msgr. Jeffrey Ingham.



New Third Degrees

Council's Exemplification Team conducted two installations, bringing seven new Knights into our Council and advancing four Brothers. All are now Third Degree Knights. The ceremonies took place in St. Luke's church on September 29 and November 17, 2021. Msgr. Ingham opened the exemplifications in prayer.

The new exemplification ceremony (about a half hour) was observed by members' and candidates' spouses and families. They concluded with prayer for the sainthood of Fr. Michael McGivney, again led by the Msgr. Ingham.

After the ceremony, the Council hosted receptions in the parish hall, and the new Knights and guests were welcomed by Council members and families.

Three new Brother Knights joined the Council at the September 29th ceremony: Danny and Rami Aoun (actual brothers), and Mike Tolocky. In addition Brothers Kyle Kimble, Mark Koster and Tom McVay advanced to full knighthood in the Third Degree.

Brothers inducted at the November 17th ceremony are: Dennis Jacobs, Jason Reznick, and Chris Wright. Also Kyle Gilson and Robert Morrow were advanced to full knighthood in the Third Degree.

(See pictures p.4)

Thanks to the Council's Exemplification Team: Brothers Beebe, Beasley, Dubis, Haag, Koster, Kupec, Lindsey, and Stanson.

FS. Jim Cuffney instructed candidates prior to the exemplification, and GK Craig O'Brien assisted by DGK Chris Taurence officially installed the new Knights and the Brothers advancing in degree.

Exemplifications are opportunities to honor Brother Knights. Honoree for the September 29th was Sir Knight Peter Kraehenbuehl. All Council Knights who are Veterans were honorees for the November 17th ceremony, with particular mention of WW II veteran Stephen P. Sedlak and Viet Nam veteran Larry Meese.

Family Program -- Tim Nichols

On the weekend of October 30-31, we held the parish food drive, with the CPO food truck stationed in the St. Luke's parking lot and contributions accepted via mail or parish copy room box. Thanks to Brother Joe Jacobs for organizing this fund raising campaign in spring and fall each year.

Brothers also volunteer at the Catholic Parish Outreach Center. Brothers Rick Beebe and Ken Low can give you information on this.

Keep Christ in Christmas card and nativity scene sales will be in the Gathering Space before and after Thanksgiving, November 20-21 and 27-28. Nativity sets and display

angels were made by Brothers Beasley, Abell, Jacobs, Kosinski, Nichols, Stenke, Taurence, and Van Nett.

Our Christmas Party and Potluck Dinner is Saturday Dec. 11th — social at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7 PM. **See article on page 6.** All Brothers and families are invited.

Finally on Saturday, December 4 a team of Brothers will again assemble the Nativity scene at Raleigh diocesan headquarters on Stonehenge Drive. Thanks to Chris Mitta for organizing this annual service to the diocese.

Community Programs — John Puhak

Thanks to Brother Jim Hoyle for his dedicated Community Program leadership over the last three years, and thanks to Brother John Puhak, our new Community Director.

The Student Essay Contest began October 14, with winners to be announced November 30. About 20 participants have applied to write 500-750 words on “everyday obstacles experienced while living a life of authentic faith” — emphasizing overcoming the obstacle and how this experience helped grow faith. Council will award prizes for first and second place for each grade, 8–12.

Council purchased 72 coats for kids. Thanks to Brother Jim Hoyle ‘s work with CPO on distribution plan. Again this year we are partnering with other area K of C councils sponsoring a wheelchair for a needy recipient.

Council contributed \$1,000 towards the building of the Habitat for Humanity house in Wake County. Thanks to Brothers Abell, Hill, Cuffney and Kosinski for working on the site in Cary on November 6. *See page 7.*

Knights’ Leave No Neighbor Behind (LNNB) “helping hands” ministries are: Knight Rides, Peter K. visitation,

Prison Ministry, and keeping in touch with deceased Brothers ‘widows. More focus is needed on assisting Brothers who are homebound, living in assisted living, or isolated via Pandemic restrictions.

We also have a request to help Brother Bill Donnelly who needs company and assistance in physical exercises at nearby Healthtrax. Let Jim Haag know if you might like to help in Bill’s recuperation.

We also are working on a LNNB strategy and disaster preparedness team. John Puhak plans to report on this at the December meeting.

Life Program — Jerome Savage

40 Days for Life concluded October 31. St Luke’s day of prayer at the Drake Center abortion facility was Friday October 22 — several Knights and spouses prayed across from the facility that day. Council had representation at the Life Booth at the State Fair the last week of October.

Pray for the upcoming Supreme Court’s hearings and deliberations on Mississippi’s limit on abortions after

15 weeks and Texas’ heartbeat restriction on abortion.

It’s time to commit to daily Rosary campaign asking our Lady to end this evil of abortion and eliminate laws requiring taxpayer funding of abortions. Do a rosary a day for this intention.

January 2022 is Right to Life month. Raleigh’s Rally and March for Life is on Saturday January 15, in the Capitol

area downtown. The Washington DC March for Life takes place the following Friday, January 21.

Busses will leave from St. Raphael’s, early Friday morning returning late Friday evening, including breakfast and dinner stops. Join us in these witness for life in the womb.

Op Lamb -- Dave Van Nett

Sir Knight Jim Hill: Thanks for your dynamic leadership of this worthy fundraising effort for the last ten years. Our prayers go with you and Mimi in your world sailing adventures.

Unfortunately we no longer receive contributions at Walmart due to Pandemic and company restrictions. It has been a special blessing for us to experience Walmart customers’ generous sup-

port for citizens with intellectual disabilities.

This year we will again send out Op Lamb donation information to St. Luke’s parishioners. Last year we raised \$6,500 from our generous parish community. Of course if you wish to donate, simply make a tax deductible contribution to LAMB Foundation of NC, Inc. — an IRS charitable 501 (C)

(3) organization, ID #56-2139696. Give the check to Dave Van Nett or just put it in the parish K of C mail box at church..

Consistent with the Council’s Faith in Action — Life Program initiative, we will contribute \$2,000 of the total Op Lamb funds raised to the State’s Special Olympics Program.

September 29 Third Degree



L to R: Danny Aoun, Tom McVay, Mark Koster, Kyle Kimble, Mike Tolocki, Rami Aoun



Aoun Brothers: Remi and Danny

November 17 Third Degree



L to R: Dennis Jacobs, Jason Reznick, Bob Morrow, Chris Wright, Kyle Gilson, Msgr. Ingham



New 3rd Degrees with Officers & Team (Nov 17)



Council Programs and Program Leaders

K of C Supreme organizes Knights activities under four main priorities: Life, Family, Faith and Community. Council 12455's organization and programmatic framework is presented below. It identifies the Brothers leading components during Council's 2020-21 fraternal year.

Program Director – Jim Haag

Newsletter — Jim Haag

Webpage — Tom McVay, Bob Morrow

Life – Jerome Savage

- * Pregnancy Center Support — Di
Outreach For Truth — Bill Schultz
Birth Choice support
- * Novena for Life
40 Days — Prayer at abortion facilities
- * Marches for Life
- * Special Needs (SNs)—
Mass for People with SNs
Operation Lamb – Dave Van Ness

Family Activities – Tim Nichols

- * Family of Month/Year — Craig O'Brien
- * Consecration to Holy Family (12/30/22)
Social Gatherings — Frank Sancineto, Jr.
Vita Nova—
Altar Servers - Dave Sofra
- * Food for Families —
CPO — Joe Jacobs/Joe Huray
- * Keep Christ In Christmas — Chris Mitta,
Keith Kosinski

Faith — Vacant —

- * Council/ Corporal Masses
- * RSVP - Joe Jacobs
- * Journeymen - Joe Rothengast
- * Spiritual Reflection— Jim Haag
- * Men's Ignatian Retreat
- * Holy Hour—Don Struckmeyer
- * Adoration Hours — Jorge Esguerra

- * Rosary — Orfeo Cicchetti
- * Sacramental Gifts — Kyle Kimble

Community — John Puhak

Adopt-a-Highway – Dave Abell

Honoring Veterans –

- * Coats for Kids — Jim Hoyle

- * Helping Hands –

Prison Ministry — Dave Abell

Raleigh Rescue Mission

Family Support Team — Jim Haag

Knight Rides — Tom Lindsey

Visitation of Brothers — Jim Haag

- * Habitat for Humanity

Membership – Rick Beebe

Membership Drives

Exemplification -- Jim Haag

**Asterisks indicate Council 12455 "Faith in Action" initiatives.*

Needs For and Appreciating Prayer

We pray for/about sufferings of those experiencing loss of spouse or loved one, rejection, health issues, job frustration, or loss, marriage problems, homelessness, etc. One way or another our prayers are answered. Pray for healing of those suffering from the Covid, and for our sons and daughters in the military.

Recently we lost two Knights' spouses: Joann, wife of deceased Brother Don Crumlich and Janice Louise, wife of Brother Syl Tenbarge. Pray for the repose of their souls.

Remember in particular to pray for healing of our Brothers and their families: John Brien, Jo Del Donno, Bill Donnelly, JoAnn Efthemis, Luis & Alexandra Garcia, Mary Ellen Hill, Michelle Wallace's parents, Lynne Loebach, Peter Kraehenbuehl, Sharon Matthews, Matt Petrovick, Al Przytulski, Joe

Rothengast Jr., Steve Sadlak (age 101), Bill and Jennette Schultz and family, Jack Sobczak, Chris Taurance's mother and Bill Wolf. If other Brothers and families wish to be put on this prayer list, please tell GK Craig O'Brien.

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 Divine Office. Feast of St. Raphael

Pancake Breakfast, December 5

On Sunday December 5, Council 12455 will host a pancake breakfast in St. Luke's hall after the 8:30 AM mass. Come and enjoy pancakes, bacon, sausage, breads, rare jellies and jams, and all the usual breakfast drinks.

Scores of parish families attend and enjoy this parish community fest. We will do this after mass breakfast on a three

month rotating schedule. Our next pancake breakfast is planned for Sunday, January 30, 2022.

It's a wonderful opportunity to meet and work with Brother Knights that you may not yet know personally but who will delight in meeting you and who share your Catholic values.

Christmas Party, December 11

Last year we did not have a Christmas Party due to Pandemic. Let's do it this year!

Our Council Christmas Party and Potluck Dinner will take place in the St. Luke's hall on Saturday Dec 11th, with a social at 6:30 PM and dinner starting at 7 PM. All Brothers and families are invited.

Please email GK Craig and let him know you will be coming, the number of adults and children attending, and what you will be bringing. To facilitate the pot luck Last Names:

A-H = main dish; I-P = side dish; Q-Z = dessert. If you haven't been around in a while, come on by and rekindle friendship with Brothers and their families.

There will be wonderful foods, special drinks, fun, fellowship and maybe even a Christmas Carol. Here is opportunity to socialize and get to know fellow Catholics and Christians.

We set up on December 11th at 1:00 PM, and help is needed and most welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament —

These devotions at St. Luke's are important and are attractive to members of the community available, at the time they happen:

Thanks to Brothers: Abell, Esguerra, Eubank, Kauer, Meese, Law, and

many other Knights and spouses doing **Adoration of the Eucharist on Fridays 9AM to 4PM.**

Other Brothers have committed to regular adoration hours at Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Catherine's Eucharistic

chapels.

Nothing better than personal encounter with the Lord. Spending quiet time adoring the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament can and should become a life commitment.

Parish Picnic



Habitat



Vet's Day Coffee & Donuts



Families of the Month



October: Matt and Cyndy Aremia



November: Jim and Terri Haag

Knights of the Month



October: Manfred Stenke



November: Dave Van Ness



From the Grand Knight

Greetings Brothers:

It's Advent season, and what a wonderful time of the year. It is that time of year to Keep Christ in Christmas, and beyond the Christmas cards and Nativity sets and setting up the Creche at the Diocese, I see you guys keeping Christ present all year long.

It starts with each of you who volunteer to build and paint the Nativity sets and Advent wreaths in the months leading up to Advent season. It happens when we bring our parish together for a pancake breakfast, a spaghetti dinner, coffee and donuts or a church picnic. It happens when we deliver Coats for Kids, volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and contribute to our CPO food drive. Supporting our youth, visiting the sick, giving parishioners rides to Mass and supporting our Seminarians with monthly notes of encouragement and prayer – there you are, keeping Christ alive. Many of you are involved in other

parish ministries whether as a Eucharistic minister, a Lecturer or a Minister of Hospitality – again, there you are, and there is where others experience His presence. These are the acts of Charity that we do as Knights, unified as a fraternity of brothers and in that fraternity is where we experience the hope, love and joy that is represented in the Advent wreath. This is a season of preparation - to receive Christ into the world, and to rejoice and celebrate His birth. Let's also pause to celebrate what we have accomplished - not to be boastful or be proud - but to recognize Him alive in our work and in everything we do, even the small things. Let's continue to prepare the way for others to experience Him in us as a fraternity and as fathers, as husbands and as men of faith. Thank you for your fraternal friendship and fellowship and may God continue to bless you during this joyful season.

Vivat Jesus, GK Craig



Sir Knight Tom Dupree congratulates Brothers Rick Beebe and Dave Van Nett on receiving the honor of 4th Degree of Knighthood — The Patriotic Degree.

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