



# St. Luke the Evangelist Council #12455 Raleigh

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST  
COUNCIL # 12455

## Council Officer Election and Installation

Congratulations to our elected 2022-23 team of officers: GK Chris Taurence, DGK Rich Beebe, Chancellor Tim Nichols, Treasurer Joe Jacobs, Recorder Michael Moyer, Advocate Bob Beasley, Warden Manfred Stenske, Inside Guard Dave Van Nett, and Outside Guard Tom Lindsey.

Appointed by the GK are Financial Secretary Jim Cuffney, and Lecturer Jerome Savage. Trustees are : Craig O'Brien (3 year) Keith Kosinski (2 year) and John Stanson (1 year).

Thanks to Chaplain Msgr. Jeffrey Ingham for his spiritual guidance to our Council and for his prayerful dedication at the ceremony. K of C District

Deputy Keith Kosinski and former GK presided at the June 4th Induction.

Following we had a business meeting/barbeque outside.



### Mark the Dates

**Knighthood Exemplification.** July 27, 7:30 PM.

**Council Meetings.** Wednesdays, August 3 and September 7. Pre meeting receptions at 6:45 PM.

**Burger Bash.** September 11, Cook for the parish youth program.

**Spaghetti Dinner for Parish.** TBA

**CPO Food for Families Drive.** TBA.

**St. Luke Parish Picnic.** October 16 after Sunday 11 AM Mass.

**Corporate Mass for Deceased Brothers.** Saturday, November 5.

**Christmas Card & Nativity Scene Sales.** After masses — weekends of November 19-20 and November 26-27 (Dates may change).

**Council Christmas Party.** TBA

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**Raleigh Diocese** [www.dioceseofraleigh.org/](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/)  
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# State Convention Recognition — Craig O'Brien

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I wanted to provide a few updates from Brother Rick Beebe who attended as our delegate along with our Trustee and WDD Keith Kosinski.

First, our Council was recognized with the Unity Council Award and the Membership Award. Special shout out to Rick as our Membership Director, and to all of you for your leadership. We have also received confirmation from Supreme that we have met the criteria for the Columbian Award. So hopefully, more to come in the form of recognition for all the great work our Council has done this year.

The most exciting news however is that Lecturer Jerome Savage won 2nd Place in the State Raffle! Congratulations, Jerome! And thanks again to John Puhak for leading our ticket sales.

A couple of photos below from the weekend, and my most sincere thanks to each of you for your leadership and support over the past year. It is great to see the work you have helped lead and contribute to be recognized.



## Moving On: Vivat Jesus —Brothers Bob and Bill

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Brother Bob Morrow writes: “I’ve thoroughly enjoyed our time together and just when I found a purpose within the group and was able to make an impact the winds of change swept into my life.

“Pat and I have decided to retire a little sooner than first thought. The home we bought last summer is just too good to rent out to others until we are ready. We are ready now.”

“We found a nice parish to become a part of in Florida, St Mark’s the Evangelist.”

Best regards, Bob

Sir Knight Bill and Anne Donnelly also have relocated in Pinehurst. Anne writes: “We do want to stay in touch with Brother Knights.

“Bill’s cell is 919-622-6657 and his email is

[bill.donnelly711@gmail.com](mailto:bill.donnelly711@gmail.com). Our new home address is: 48 Greyabbey Drive, Pinehurst, NC 28374

“Bill has already met some of the KOC guys here at Sacred Heart and plans to get involved soon. I think he wants to attend the meeting this week.

“We are so happy we moved to Pinehurst! We love our new home, neighborhood and Sacred Heart parish. The Lord has led us here and we are truly grateful.”

Anne thanks Council Brothers for the support, love and help provided and says we pray to Our Blessed Mother daily for the Council.

*By the way, please note that contact information for Brothers is on line via the Council Directory. See page 4, for how to access the directory on the Council web page.*

# Faith — New Director — Michael Tolocka

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Brother Michael Tolocka has graciously accepted the role of Council Faith Director. Thanks for your leadership Mike.

Several Brothers do hourly Friday adorations from 9AM to 4 PM in at St. Luke's. Brothers also do regular hours at 24-7 adoration chapels at St. Catherine's and Our Lady of Lourdes.

There is nothing better than a personal encounter with the Lord. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as a personal spiritual growth opportunity.

Several Knights and/or spouses also lead or pray the Rosary before weekend masses.

For years St. Luke's Council has participated in Supremes' Refund Support Vocations Program. RSVP works this way: the Council contributes \$50 monthly to seminarians to help with their personal expenses. Council Treasurer Joe Jacobs coordinates this program. We supported three seminarians and a college student Knight discerning the priestly vocation this past year.

Each \$500 in RSVP dollars we spend, entitles our Council to a Supreme \$100 reimbursement; in this way the Order fosters financial support of diocesan seminarians.

This year we provided RSVP support seminarians Colby Flood, Drew Na-

varro, Michael Nichols (discernment) and Eric Reyes. Keep them in your prayers.

Eric Reyes was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Zarama June 4 at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh. Father Erik is now assigned to the Cathedral.

During St. Luke's Corpus Christi liturgy procession of the Blessed Sacrament (Sunday June 10 after the 11 AM mass) four Brother Knights were honored to escort and hold the procession covering the Blessed Sacrament in Monstrance. (See p. 7)

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## Life — From Supreme Knight

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My Brother Knights:

After nearly 50 years, the wrong decision that was made in *Roe v. Wade* has been set right. The Supreme Court's historic decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* overturning both *Roe* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, is a watershed moment in the movement that generations of Knights of Columbus have worked and prayed for. Indeed, it is one of the most significant advancements in human rights in our nation's history.

We are grateful and encouraged by the Court's finding that abortion is not a "constitutional right." But we must not think that today is a day to declare victory. Instead, I call upon every member of the Knights of Columbus to redouble their personal efforts to build up the Culture of Life that St. John Paul II described in his prophetic encyclical letter *Evangelium Vitae*.

With *Roe* reversed, federal advocacy to protect unborn life is still necessary, but the decision opens wide the doors for states to consider their own abortion laws as well. Many states have laws that immediately protect unborn human life. Others have taken regrettable steps to make themselves "sanctuaries" for abortion-on-demand. Pregnancy resources centers will become even more vital as they reach out to serve pregnant women, new mothers and their children.

In the months and years ahead, Knights should work to support — or start — marches for life in every state. Another critical action we can all take is to increase our support for pregnancy resource centers in our communities. To that end, the *Supreme Council has announced a \$5 million campaign to support new mothers and their children through a new program: ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy). These pregnancy centers and maternity homes are now the front lines of the pro-life movement, and Knights should continue to stand and serve with them. You can support this effort by making a donation today. (Italics added in this Newsletter)*

Even before the *Dobbs* decision was officially released, we saw numerous instances of violence and vandalism targeted at pregnancy resource centers and Catholic churches across the country. Let us find our response in the words Pope Francis addressed to the 2021 Supreme Convention, which called on us to be men "committed to building up rather than tearing down, promoting healing and reconciliation in place of hatred and recrimination, and inviting all to undertake the 'journey of fraternity' that can lead to a world ever more in accord with God's saving plan for our human family."

Finally, we must continue to pray and fast for the end of abortion. How fitting it is that the *Dobbs* decision arrived on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let us pray in thanksgiving for this decision, and continue to implore the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe as we work to build a Culture of Life in which every human life, made in the image and likeness of God, is welcomed in life and protected in law.

Fraternally, Patrick E. Kelly, Supreme Knight



# Council Blood Drive

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The first blood drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 12455 at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church took place on Friday May 13. We initially met 25% of our goal by past donors of prior St. Luke's blood drives.

Walk-ins drawn in from the road signs and local non-parishioners edged the Council closer to the goal even after 5 donors had to be turned away for poor iron. It was the Knights attendance and participation in the event that brought us to our goal of 25 products collected.

Seventeen pints of whole blood were collected, and 4 "Power Red" donors – A Power Red donation collects the red cells but returns most of the plasma and platelets to the donor. These donors must meet specific eligibility requirements. Power Red results in 2 blood products each collected resulting in 8 donations.

Coffee and donuts were donated by Daylight Donuts on Creedmoor Rd for after the procedure. Thanks to Brother Bob Morrow for leading and coordinating this community project. We are sorry to learn that Bob is leaving us for a new home in Florida. Bob will be sorely missed. We anticipate that another Brother will step up and become the Blood Drive Chairman. Bob, thank you for the great job that you did on the Blood Drive and the Council Directory (See below). See: Bob's comments (p. 2).



## Council Directory

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We now have a directory of the names, addresses, emails and phones of Council members. This facilitates getting to know and communicate with Brother Knights and their families. You may be surprised to learn that a parishioner you know or a neighbor near you is a member of our Council. Sometimes we haven't seen a Brother for a quite while, but do not have his phone number to be in contact with him. This is opportunity to familiarize ourselves with member Knights, some who may not frequent meetings or Council activities. Of course if you are concerned or do not wish to have your name and contact information available to other Council members, simply ask to be excluded from Council Directory. Access the directory via the Council webpage ([www.kofc12455.com](http://www.kofc12455.com)) and then enter password (KofC12455). Again thanks to Bob Morrow for creating this directory. Brother John Stanson will take over management of access and content.

# Family and Community Programs

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St. Luke's April CPO family food drive collected 1,100 pounds of canned and packaged food and parishioners contributed a \$14,325 in donations. Thanks to Joe Jacobs and Joe Huray leading this worthy CPO charity fund raiser.

The Community Disaster Preparedness group seeks to help or to provide vehicle/equipment when an emergency occurs, or a neighbor has a compelling need. Thanks to Brothers Matt Aremia and Ralph Navarrete for recently helping a person in need.

Thanks to Brother Dave Abell and team for our quarterly Highway



Pickup, Saturday June 11. Pickers uppers were Tom Phan, Ken Low, Tim Nichols, Craig O'Brien, and Andy Abell.

On Saturday June 4, about 15 Knights cleaned up the BBQ pit area towards the rear of the church parking lot. See p. 7. Brother Mike Struble, facilities manager, organized the project. We removed the old BBQ, cinder blocks and concrete. And we cleared trees that had over grown the area, filling a large dumpster with debris.

Our next clean up project will focus on the grotto and stations of the cross area.

## Charities — 2022-23 Council Budget

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- ◆ Operation Lamb - \$6,000 (Includes \$2,000 donation to Special Olympics)
- ◆ Coats for Kids—\$1,850
- ◆ RSVP - \$1,800
- ◆ Center for Bio Ethics (CBR) - \$1,000
- ◆ Habitat For Humanity - \$500
- ◆ Global Wheel Chair Mission - \$500
- ◆ Essay Contest—\$500
- ◆ Sacramental Gifts - \$450
- ◆ Birth Choice, Run for life - \$300
- ◆ Knights Corporate Masses - \$100
- ◆ Divine Mercy Radio - \$200
- ◆ CPO Donation - \$250
- ◆ Life Donation—\$100

These outlays are funded via our Council dues, charity fund raisers and by the donations of our Brother Knights. Major fundraisers are Op Lamb, sale of Christmas displays and cards, raffles.

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

Thank you Brothers!

## Sir Knight Peter Kraehenbuehl Back in Parish

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After many years at Carrboro's Crescent Green assisted living, Peter now lives at Universal Health Care, 5201 Clarks Fork Drive NW in Raleigh 27615. No longer is a 70 mile round trip required to see our former Council FS. His new location is near Durant and Capital -- on the Perry Creek side of Capital. Peter has a single room and is doing okay, getting skilled care and assistance for his daily personal needs. Visits from Brothers and friends are welcomed and appreciated.

His power chair enables him to move around the facility and outside to the courtyard. The staff is attentive and friendly and the facilities are clean and spacious, several steps up from his previous locations. Universal is one of

the health facilities routinely visited by St. Luke's Eucharistic Ministers.

If you can drop by to see him, this need not to be previously arranged, but a call to Peter is advisable (919-368-7145) just to assure visit is timely and apropos. Brothers know Peter's situation and the isolation and confinement he faces everyday.

He needs your visitation and greatly enjoys interaction with Knights, friends and parishioners.

If you are unable to see Peter in person just call him and or email him (peter56@gmail.com) say hi and communicate with him.

# Brothers and Friends Appreciate Prayer

We 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. Pray for the healing of those suffering from the Covid, and for our sons and daughters in the military.

Recently we lost Josephine Gilda Del Donno, beloved spouse of deceased Brother Nick Del Donno. Pray for the repose of both their souls.

Remember in particular to pray for the healing of our Brothers and their families: Grace and Mike Benigno's son Michael, Lynne Loebach, Peter Kraehenbuehl, Matt Petrovick, Al Przytulski, John Puhak, Joe Rothengast Jr., Steve Sedlak (age

102), Bill and Jennette Schultz and family, Jack Sobczak, and Bill Wolf. If other Brothers and families want to be put on this prayer list, please tell GK Chris Taurance.

**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 Luke's Stained Glass Window Reflection — Ken Low

*Council 12455 Knights have offered reflections for eight of the 17 stained-glass windows in St. Luke's church. Brothers and other parishioners are encouraged to write and share the joy of St. Luke's parables depicted in our beautiful church's stained glass windows. You can preview these reflections on the St. Luke's website. Below is Brother Ken Low's thoughts on The Parable of the Good Samaritan.*

### St. Luke, Chapter 10 verses 29-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan begins with a question posed to Jesus, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Indeed, this is the central question for every Christian today as well! The ultimate answer: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

In answer to the follow-up question posed to Jesus "And who is my neighbor?"—Jesus responds with the familiar Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37). A man, presumably a Jew, was stripped, beaten and left for dead along the roadside. As they passed by him, two Jewish "holy men" each chose not to aid the man as he lay there beaten and bleeding. Then a Samaritan (a people despised by Jews) came by, "had compassion," bound the wounds, took the injured man to an inn and tended his injuries that night. In the morning, he paid the bill, asked the innkeeper to take care of the man and promised to pay him for his efforts on his return!

Reflecting, we will perceive that Jesus has woven numerous lessons into this parable...perhaps the most important being that every person is our neighbor, even those whom we may not particularly like, who are ungrateful and even our enemies. We, as His followers, are called to love them "as yourself." Jesus is telling us that we are to be an extension of God's unconditional love to our neighbors!

As Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D. puts it, "God creates creatures, not because He has need of them, for they can add nothing to his beatitude and essential glory; but He creates them solely to extend His infinite goodness outside Himself...This goodness is the cause of your being and your life..." \*

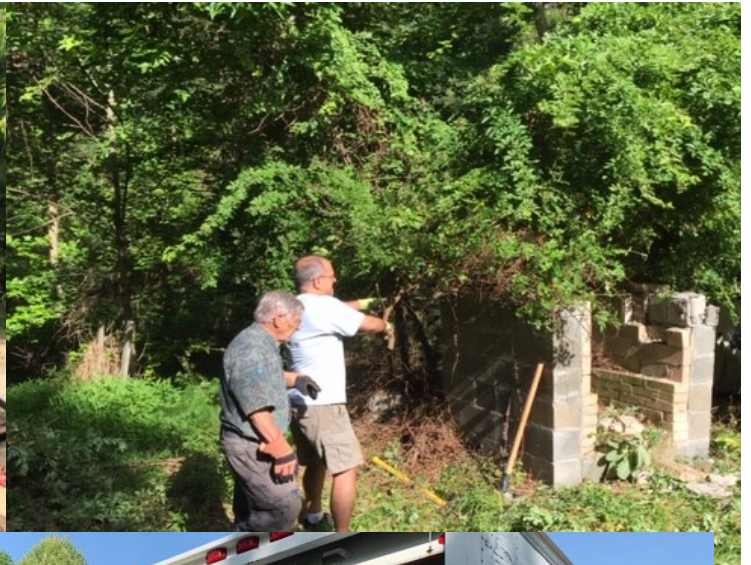
If we are going to love our neighbor, we need to understand what real love looks like. Unfortunately, our society has seriously warped many peoples' perceptions of what love is. In the Bible, however, 1 Cor 13:4-8 describes it beautifully: "Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong but, rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." This is just in times of crisis, and He gives many, many opportunities each day: Being patient with our children or spouse; greeting the checkout clerk by name with a cheerful smile; thanking people for doing the things that we have just come to expect; letting the other person be right most of the time; choosing not to hold a grudge; not judging someone, not cursing the person who cut you off in traffic, and on and on. Just look at 1 Corinthians. The outline is there for us! Reflect on it at the end of each day. How have you loved your neighbor today? What opportunities did you fail to take? Think about it...the reward is "eternal life"!

*\*Divine Intimacy*





# Knights in Action





# 2022 Knights of Month – April Through June

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April— Bob Morrow



May — Kyle Kimble

June - Joe Huray  
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# 2022 Families of Month – April Through June



April – Tom & May Phan

May—Chris Wright Family  
Picture not yet available



June —Jerome Savage Family, Brother Knight Tom (Far right)



# Council Officer Duties

## **Grand Knight**

The Grand Knight is responsible for the welfare of the council. He presides over council meetings, acts as ex-officio member of all committees, appoints a membership and program director, convenes officers for a monthly meeting, and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the state and Supreme Council. He should also be aware of the council's financial status and ensure that his signature appears on all checks drawn. For more specific duties and responsibilities, refer to the Grand Knights Handbook (#915).

## **Deputy Grand Knight**

The deputy grand knight is second in command. He assists the grand knight with council affairs and fulfills all duties assigned to him by the grand knight. Should the grand knight be absent from a council meeting, the deputy grand knight will preside. He is chairman of the council's retention committee.

## **Chaplain**

The chaplain is the spiritual advisor of the council. He is expected to make a report at council meetings on religious matters. The grand knight appoints a priest in accordance with any rules established by the bishop of the diocese to serve as council chaplain. For more specific duties, responsibilities and eligibility, refer to the Chaplain's Handbook (#945).

## **Chancellor**

The chancellor has a variety of responsibilities. Primarily, he assists the grand knight and the deputy grand knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the council in both their absences. He is charged with strengthening the member's interests in council activities. The chancellor is chairman of the admission committee..

## **Recorder**

The recorder is similar to a court reporter or a secretary. He is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the council and it's correspondence.

## **Financial Secretary**

The Supreme Knight, upon recommendation of the council appoints the financial secretary. His main area of responsibility is maintaining all financial and membership records. He collects and receives all moneys from all resources, including annual dues from council members. He also handles supply orders for the council officers and members, filing the Report of Officer (#185), and submitting all membership transactions to the Supreme Council. For more specific duties and responsibilities, refer to the Financial Secretary Handbook (#1410).

## **Treasurer**

The treasurer is responsible for the safekeeping and maintaining records of all council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the council's accounts and provides a certificate of such monies to the grand knight. He is also responsible for payment of all expenses.

## **Advocate**

The advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. While he does not need to be member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the council by-laws, the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws (#30), Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting (#1937) and Robert's Rules of Order.

## **Warden**

The warden is the "watchdog" for council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the financial secretary, treasurer and recorder. He is also responsible for setting up the council chambers for meetings and ceremonial work. During ceremonial exemplifications, he will appoint and supervise guards.

## **Inside & Outside Guards**

The guards have similar responsibilities, but distinct differences. The outside guard tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the inside guard checks to make sure that their membership cards are current.

## **Trustees**

The board of trustees consists of three members elected by the council, They and the grand knight, who serves as chairman, comprise the board of trustees. They oversee the work of the financial secretary and treasurer. The board of trustees and the deputy grand knight serve on the councils retention committee. During council elections, only the three year trustee is voted on, with the others moving on to become two-year and one-year trustees respectively .



# From the Grand Knight

**SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST  
COUNCIL #12455**

Brothers,

I hope you're having a great summer, and that you and your family are doing well. June 30<sup>th</sup> brought an end to my term as Grand Knight, and I want to express my sincere thanks to each of you for your support over the past two years. Past GK, Keith Kosinski, told me once that being GK *gives* a lot more than it *takes*, and I can now vouch that it certainly does. I've had the privilege of getting to know many of you better and to work with you to accomplish a great deal the past two years - despite a pandemic that shut many parishes and council activities down over a year ago.

I want to especially thank the Officers and Program Directors for their trust and support, and I want to send a special thanks to Msgr. Ingham. He is a steadfast supporter of our Council, and I think we all appreciate his attendance at our monthly meetings. His words have been an inspired reminder of what it means to be a Knight, and how we can continue to grow and live our faith as Catholic men.

No matter how small the task or how limited your time and ability to contribute, please know that it makes a difference. And more importantly, you get to participate in fellowship with some outstanding men. We are in great hands with our new GK Chris Taurence, and I trust in your continued support of him and our Council to do the good work we are called to do as Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus, Craig

## **Exemplification to Knighthood in the Third Degree.**

Many Brother Knights have neither observed nor participated in The new K of C Exemplification Process. If so please join us on the evening of Wednesday July 27 for this beautiful and meaningful articulation of Knighthood.

Why may you wish to do this?

First, this is opportunity to inform and possibly involve spouse and family in the faith, family, community and life ministries of the Knight of Columbus. The new exemplification emphasizes family engagement in our faith in action projects.

Second, the Exemplification imparts first, second and third degrees of Knighthood. If you are not yet a third degree Knight your participation will bring you into full knighthood in the third degree, affording eligibility for various council offices (see previous page) or state officer opportunities, and, should you wish, to advance to the fourth degree —the patriotic degree of Knighthood.

The new Exemplification ceremony takes about one half hour, and, based on our past experience, your invited families will appreciate the informative ceremony and the opportunity to observe. A brief reception will be afterwards in St. Luke's hall area.

The ceremony begins with the Chaplain opening prayer, followed by four presentations: the Presiding Officer, Charity, Unity and Fraternity speakers, The installation is conducted by the Warden and Installing Officer and concludes with the Chaplain's prayer and with final comments by the GK or a K of C state official.

A very concise, meaningful and significant presentation! Again Brother families are invited and encouraged to attend. Presentations are short and to the point. Should First and Second Degree Brothers attend and participate they will achieve Third Degree Status. Join us July 27, 7:30 PM