



# Memorial Mass for Deceased Brothers

It has been three years since Council 12455 has held and offered a Memorial Mass for our deceased Brothers.

We are sponsoring a Memorial Mass for all of them on Saturday November 5, 2022, at 9:30 AM at St. Luke's. We cordially invite our Brother's widows and family members to attend.

This will be the First Saturday of November and, at about 9:10 AM before, we will recite a Rosary as at a First Saturday devotion in honor of Our Blessed Mother.

Brother Knights will offer this Sacrifice of the Mass as a spiritual prayer and attend — assisting as greeters and ministers as needed.

There will be a table display in the Gathering Space for the weekend, honoring our deceased Brothers. After mass we will have a coffee and donut reception in the hall area.



## Deceased Brothers

**James W. Darrow, Mrs., Geraldine Darrow**

**Richard Peoples, Mrs. Lorraine Peoples**

**Eberly (Don) Crumlich, Mrs. Joann Crumlich\***

**Edward A. Carter, Mrs. Mary Carter**

**Richard F. Hoffman, Mrs. Susan Hoffman**

**Tom Wallace, Mrs. Michelle Wallace**

**Bud Espereth, Mrs. Carol Espereth (unknown address)**

**John Stewart Bailey, Mrs. Mary Bailey**

**Robert A. Moore, Mrs. Marilyn Moore\***

**George Richardson, Mrs. Vicki Richardson (unknown address)**

**John F. McHugh (unknown relative)**

**Deacon. Frank J. Barnes (unknown relative)**

**Donald F. Sanderson, Joann Kuszaj's Father**

**Joseph Sander, Mrs. Marie Sander**

**Roger A. Egan (unknown relative)**

**Monsignor Tim O'Connor**

**Frank Sancineto, Sr., Frank Sancineto's Father**

**Dan Tomczak, Mrs. Denise Tomczak**

**Thomas Joseph Matthews, Jr., Mrs. Sharon Matthews**

**Nicholas Del Donno, Jr., Mrs. Josephine Del Donno\***

*\* Deceased Spouse*

# St. Luke the Evangelist Council #12455 Raleigh

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST COUNCIL #12455

## Mark the Dates

**40 Days for Life.** September 28 –October 30.

**Council Membership Drive.** October 15-16.

**Parish Picnic.** Sunday, October 16, 12:30 PM.

**Council Meetings.** Wednesday, November 2 and December 7. Pre meeting receptions start at 6:30 PM.

**Memorial Mass for Deceased Brothers.** Saturday, November 5 at 9:30 AM. Wear your council shirts and name badges.

**Pancake Breakfast,** Sunday, November 13, following the 8:30 AM mass.

**Council 12455 Exemplifications for Knighthood ,** November 16, 7:30 PM, Ask a Catholic gentleman acquaintance to consider joining our Order.

**Operation Lamb. Letters to Parishioners for intellectually handicapped.** TBA. Join us in this worthy cause.

**Council Christmas Party.** Saturday, December 17, 7:30 PM, in St. Luke's Hall.

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<b>Raleigh Diocese</b>	<a href="http://www.kofc.org">www.kofc.org</a>
<b>CVNC</b>	<a href="http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/">www.dioceseofraleigh.org/</a>
<b>Bishops</b>	<a href="http://www.catholicvoicenc.org">www.catholicvoicenc.org</a>
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# FAITH IN ACTION

## Faith Program — Michael Tolocka Director

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**REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM (RSVP):** \$50 per month and a personal note from different Brothers to three seminarians, two from St. Luke's parish. In recent years, three of our RSVP supported seminarians were ordained to the priesthood: Father Noe Ramirez (2019), Father Steve Di Massimo (2021), and Father Eric Reyes (2022).

**HOLY HOURS:** Parish Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on Fridays, starting after the 8:30 AM mass and closing with Benediction at 4:00 PM. Several Brothers and/or their spouses sign up for silent time before the Blessed Sacrament. 24-hour adoration chapels are also located at Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Catherine's parishes where Knights and/or their spouses do regular adoration hours.

**ROSARY:** The Holy Rosary is prayed before each of our weekend masses. A Knight, his family member or another parishioner often lead the devotion. About 15 Brothers and/or spouses say the rosary — joined by a sizable number of parishioners.

**SACRAMENTAL GIFTS:** Sacred memorial gifts are presented to parishioners for RCIA completion, and upon reception Baptism, Holy Communion, and Holy Orders. We plan to include Marriage and other Sacraments in the future.

**SPIRITUAL REFLECTION:** A Men's Day of Recollection (retreat) is planned at St. Luke's during late spring 2023. We hold a Council Mass at St. Luke's for the intention of our deceased Brothers, inviting widows and families as well as all Knights and pa-

rishioners. (see p. 9) Several Brothers shared spiritual reflections on eight of the seventeen stained glass windows in St. Luke's Church. (See pp. 1 & 9)

**INTO THE BREACH:** This new focus emphasizes innovative ways to support fatherhood and families, protect the unborn, live a life of prayer and holiness, serve neighbors in need as well as the vulnerable and poor. Standing "in the breach" is what Knights seek to do, and we will continue to innovate the ways and means to accomplish this — some already undertaken or routinely implemented in other Council Faith in Action Programs. ( See p. 6)

For a detailed presentation on the **Into the Breach** see: <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>.

## Community Program —John Puhak Director

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**COATS FOR KIDS:** Coats for Kids program donated seventy-five coats to the Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) run by the Raleigh Diocese.

**HELPING HANDS:** We volunteer to help people and community. **Homebound Visitations:** Support Brothers at home or in assisted living by personal visits or transportation to activities. (See p. 6) **Family Support:** Help homeless families with financial credibility and become self-supporting. **Veterans Affairs:** Donations and volunteer activity. **Adopt a Highway:** Clean four miles of roads quarterly. **Social Outreach:** Work with local organizations such as Oak City

Outreach, and Raleigh Rescue Mission. **Prison Ministry** — Visit local prisons, focusing on building relationships and fostering inmate spirituality. **Knight Riders:** Assist and convey homebound persons to weekly mass.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** Brothers attend a group day build at the Catholic Coalition house in Raleigh, and we awarded a \$1,000 donation to Habitat. Individual members also volunteered additional working days on the Habitat house.

**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS:** Our Council has surveyed our Brothers' expertise and skill sets that can be

brought together when the next inevitable disaster strikes our community, and we intend to be there and to help those in need.

**OTHER PARISH COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:** We usually do Sunday pancake breakfasts quarterly, two dinners and occasional teen/adult dances with live bands. Brothers are always available to help in organizing, coordinating and to participate in parish work teams, youth, picnic, service, prayer, and spiritual events.

Brothers, give countless volunteer hours and have a fun time in doing so.



# FAITH IN ACTION

## Family Program — Tim Nichols Director

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### FOOD FOR FAMILIES:

Brothers regularly serve one day per week. Last year Brothers donated over 1,500 volunteer hours at CPO. We also hold two parish food drives per year, collecting food, donations, and money for CPO.

### FAMILY OF MONTH/YEAR:

At each Council business meeting, we select a Knight of the Month and Family of the Month. Certificates are presented and brief writeups are included in our Council Newsletters. These monthly awards are submitted

to KOC Supreme.

### CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS:

Each year we distribute the Knights of Columbus publication *To Keep Christ in Christmas*, and we organize three separate projects focused on keeping Christ in Christmas: **1)** We build and sell outdoor Nativities to members of the parish for which can be displayed at their homes. **2)** Also during Christmas time, we assemble and takedown the large Creche display the Raleigh Diocese offices.

### CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY:

With pastoral support, last year we initiated a fraternal *Consecration to the Holy Family* after all three Masses on the weekend after Christmas. Msgr. Ingham stresses the importance of this spiritual act, and we will hold the Consecration occurred at the end of masses on Holy Family Day in December.

## Life Program — Jerome Savage Director

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**MARCHES FOR LIFE:** Brother Knights and family members attend the annual Life Marches —locally in Raleigh NC and nationally in Washington DC. The marches as well as the Novena for Life will take place during January 2023. Plans are that Council Brothers typically participate in either or both marches and many parishioners usually attend as well.

**PRO LIFE ACTIVITIES:** We are dedicated to activities during the year. During January (Pro Life Month) we actively promote the Novena for Life and partner with our parish to sponsor a Holy Hour for Life. During the 40 days of Life, now going on, we host a showing of an inspirational program or movie — last year “Unplanned” or

other activity at the parish and seek Brothers participated in the recent Grotto service for the unborn (See picture p. 7), and stood in last Sunday’s life chain — in witness against abortion. Council annually donates about \$7,000 to Pro-life entities: Birth Choice, Life Gala, Center for Bio Ethics, and Room at the Inn. Thanks to our Life Director, our parish Respect Life Coordinator (wife of a Brother Knight) and Msgr. Ingham, as they work together to inform and lead us in pro-life activity and prayer.

**OPERATION LAMB:** As Knights, we traditionally organize Tootsie Roll fundraising events in the fall. We typically raise about \$7,000 for charitable distribution for people with intellectual disabilities and special needs. Of

this amount, \$2,000 is donated to Wake County Special Olympics. We participate with other K of C Councils in distributing Operation Lamb grants to local non-profit organizations helping the intellectually handicapped in the Triangle community and across North Carolina.

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS:** Prior to the Pandemic about twenty of our members participated in the Special Olympics at nearby Ravenscroft School. We look forward to reengaging our support of Special Olympics in the coming year.

# Welcome Third Degree Knights, November Exemplification

On Wednesday, July 27, five new Brothers were inducted into our Council as Third Degree Knights. Among them was Brother Nick Aremia, advancing to full Knighthood in the Third Degree. Welcome new Brothers: In the picture below (next to GK Chris Taurence — left to right, L-R), are John Hart, Nick Aremia, Ben Buzitzky, Jim Mooney, and Luis Buria, next to Msgr. Ingham.

We met several at our September Business Meeting. We look forward to their

enthusiasm and participation in our Faith in Action programs (see previous pages of this Newsletter). Introduce yourself to them at upcoming October activities: Business Meeting, Parish Picnic and Pancake Breakfast.

Thanks also to our Exemplification Team: L-R are Brothers Stanson, Koster, Kupec, Lindsey and Beebe. Thanks also to Monsignor Ingham for officiating in opening and closing prayer.

Brother Joshua Lindsey (far right) was honoree at the Exemplification in recognition for his pro life work with the Center for Bioethical Reform.

Several parish men have expressed interest in Knighthood. — Thus we have planned an Exemplification for mid November. Should you wish to be a part of the Exemplification program, please notify Brother Jim Haag, Team Coordinator.



Many Brother Knights have neither observed nor participated in the K of C Exemplification Process. If so, please join us on the evening of Wednesday November 16 for this beautiful and meaningful articulation of Knighthood.

Why may you wish to do this?

First, this is opportunity to inform and 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 in one ceremony. So 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 and state level Knighthood 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 after 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 then conducted by the Warden and Installing Officer and concludes with the Chaplain's prayer..

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 participate they will achieve Third Degree Status. Join us November 16, at 7:30 PM.

## The Martyrdom of Stephen Personal Reflection of Orfeo Cicchetti

*Council 12455 Knights continue to write reflections on each of our stained-glass windows. The Brother Knights are trying to share the joy of the Gospels with you through the beautiful images as did the early Catholics in their churches. You can preview past reflections on the St. Luke website, under About /*

St. Stephen was a man on fire. On fire with the Holy Spirit that is. We first learn about Stephen in "The Acts of the Apostles" which is the second volume of Luke's two-volume contribution to the New Testament. We don't know if Stephen was an original disciple who actually knew Jesus firsthand or whether he was one of the Jews who converted under St. Peter. . . but Luke tells us in Acts, Chapter 6, that the apostles had a need for helpers, so they appointed seven reputable men, including Stephen, "a man of faith and the Holy Spirit", as assistants or deacons if you will.

After the apostles prayed and laid hands on him, Stephen was filled with grace and power, working many "great wonders and signs among the people". Stephen boldly preached and spread the good news about Jesus throughout Jerusalem. Luke tells us that certain members of the Synagogue finally came forward to debate with Stephen, but that "they could not withstand the wisdom and the spirit with which he spoke". So they seized him and, like Jesus, they brought him before the Sanhedrin to be likewise unjustly accused of blasphemy by false witnesses.

Despite the evil closing in on him, amazingly Stephen's face remained "like the face of an angel". When the high priest pressed him for a response to blasphemy charges, Stephen replied with a long discourse going all the way back to the time of Abraham in Mesopotamia, detailing how God's chosen people had repeatedly rejected and opposed the Holy Spirit. He recounted how God's own people persecuted and put to death all those who foretold "the coming of the righteous one", before bravely adding "whose betrayers and murderers you have now become". As the Sanhedrin looked on in fury and outrage, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and said "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God". At that, they dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death at the feet of Saul of Tarsus (St. Paul) who himself was zealously hunting down Christians at that time. The last words Stephen uttered before he died were "Lord do not hold this sin against them".

We know that cold is a lack of heat, darkness is a lack of light, and that sin is the result of a lack of faith. When we look at Stephen, we are amazed to find an otherwise ordinary man of uncommon faith and holiness. Consider that he was well aware of the horrific death of Jesus and of the persecution being waged against the Christians of his time. When he found himself dragged before the same Sanhedrin who crucified Jesus, he could have saved himself from certain death but he didn't. He well knew of the fate that awaited him, but his faith was on fire with the Holy Spirit. It has been said that courage is not a lack of fear, but a willingness to act, in spite of fear. Surely, any reasonable man living in those brutal days would have been fearful in Stephen's position. However, this beautiful, holy man chose to act with faith in spite of his fear. . . becoming the very first Christian martyr to die for Christ, and a shining example for all who followed afterwards.



### Prayers are Needed and Always Appreciated

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

Remember in particular to pray for the heal-

ing of our Brothers and their families: Linda Corsmeier, Connie Esguerra, Lynne Loebach, Peter Kraehenbuehl, Olive LePochat, Matt Petrovick, Al Przytulski, John Puhak, Joe Rothengast Jr., Steve Sedlak (age 102), Bill and Jennette Schultz and family, Marilyn Struckmeyer, Jack Sobczak, and Bill Wolf. If other Brothers and families want to be put on this prayer list, please tell GK Chris Taurence.

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*

## Reach Out: Brother Knights in Restricted Living

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In the last couple years, with Covid restrictions, related health and aging issues, several Brothers of our Council have experienced restricted living conditions, such as sequestered housing, restricted senior or nursing home facilities, or other isolated situations. Perhaps they did not attend meetings or Knights activities,. We missed their involvement, but unfortunately lost track of them and may not have been aware of the extent of their isolation or loneliness. We probably did not have the Brother's contact information available, possibly making it difficult to call

or visit them or to reconnect and/or find out how they are doing, etc.

We now have an on line resource *making it easy to be in touch with our* Brother Knights. The **Council 12455 Member Directory** is accessible via Council webpage ([www.kofc12455.com](http://www.kofc12455.com)), Directory password is **KofC12455**.

Thanks to PGK Janusz (John) Stanson for putting the Directory together and maintaining its listing of names, phone numbers, and email addresses. Take a look at this invaluable resource for be-

ing in touch with our Brother Knights.

If you recall a Brother that you have missed or wondered about, give him a call and find out how he and his family is doing. Maybe even arrange to visit him. He may need help in some way. Perhaps his needs or those of his family should be brought to the attention of the Council — Into the Breech, Helping Hands, Need no Neighbor Behind, Knight Riders, or other Faith in Action Program initiative. Reach out! If there is a need for "Helping Hands," tell John Puhak, Community Director about this need by a person for help.

## Peter Donates Powerchair to Council Wheelchair Program

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Sir Knight Peter Kraehenbuehl, former Financial Secretary of Council, is now back in our parish living at Universal Health Care near Durant and Capital.

For about ten years Peter has been housed at assisted living facilities in Carrboro, where several parishioners and Brothers were able to see him from time to time — a 70 mile round trip drive. Now a 10 minute drive, and fortuitously Peter is on the St. Luke's prayer and Eucharistic ministry lists. We hope to see more of him as his condition may permit.

Peter has a new state of the art power chair. And he has graciously donated his old power chair to the Council to give to anyone needing this impressive transportation devise, though 16 years old. When we picked it up (thanks Brother Tom Lindsey) from the Carrboro facility, it did not work. So Brother Dave Abell fixed it and charged the battery. It now works well.

Peter would like it to go to a person needing this transportation and adjustable seating vehicle. We inquired about interest at the Durham Vets facility and of 4th (Patriot) degree contacts, and no interest was indicated.. Since it is in



operating order we could give it to charitable organization. But we would rather have it go someone we know will benefit from it. Question: do you know someone who could use this vehicle? Let John Puhak know if you do.

Another option is to advertise its availability local websites. Certainly someone nearby could use and benefit for having this vehicle.

If sold to a nearby neighbor or organization, any net profit would be donated by the Council to the K of C Supreme Global Wheelchair Mission.

Meanwhile, Peter would love to hear from you and to reestablish connection with our Council and his Brothers. He is close by at Universal and can easily contact-ed by cellphone 919-368-7145. Better yet, call and set up a time to visit him.



# Knights in Action: Burger Bash and Grotto Service for Unborn



# Knights and Families of the Month — August and September

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## August KOM— Andrew Kleitsch

Andrew has been a Knight for 28+ years. He has led the St. Luke's Finance Council as Chair for the past 5 years and has been on the Finance Council for 10 years. These have been challenging times for our parish, given the destruction of our sanctuary and the building of our church. Thanks Andy for Service to the Church and our Council.



## September KOM — Ben Buzitsky

Ben, one of our newer Knights, has stepped up, shown up, and exhibited enthusiasm for helping us in our endeavors. He has shown up for moving our downstairs rooms (in both directions), has worked with Mike Struble on several parish projects – like replacing wheels on 15 – 20 chair carts . Ben has volunteered to lead the soccer challenge at our parish picnic. An impressive example of knight hood in only a few months,



## August FOM — Jost and Rebecca (Dobner) Grant (married 7/29/22).

Rebecca has been a member of our community since she was a child. Her Father and brother are Knights in our Council. Rebecca has been our Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry for several years. Rebecca and Jost were just married in July and Jost is a member of the church choir and volunteers with the youth ministry.



## September FOM — September FOM — Mike and Carol Sanchez

The Knights of Columbus would like to recognize as our September family of the month for their contributions to our parish and the community. Mike has been a deacon for about 18 years and has supported prison ministry, RCIA, parish council and regularly attends adoration with his wife. Carol also has run and led many Bible studies and courses at St. Luks's and has been extensively involved with education of our children.







## From the Grand Knight

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Brothers, we are called to be the Light of the World as we are reminded by our state leadership with the year's motto. Our St. Luke's Council is about 130 strong and we do many good works in our church and community. I have witnessed many of you involved in the Burger Bash, Highway Clean-up, Memorial to the Unborn, CPO, church ministries and Life Chain - to name just a few of the activities we are involved with. While many of the Knights are extensively involved with our Council, we would love to see more of you get involved for 1 or 2 or even 3 hours this year. Can I ask for your commitment to help out with a few of the following activities:

- Our November 5<sup>th</sup> Memorial Mass at 9:30 am. We will all want prayers for us after our deaths. I would love to see this well attended.
- The picnic is Oct 16<sup>th</sup> - many opportunities to volunteer exist.
- Volunteer for our pancake breakfast, November 13.
- Attend an exemplification to experience the new ceremony and support our new Brothers.
- Recruit some new Brothers.
- Attend our Christmas party to share in some fellowship.
- Identify a need and lead a new activity.

Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces around the parish and at our upcoming activities.

Vivat Jesus, Chris

## Memorial Mass for Deceased Brothers

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Brothers and families will celebrate our annual Corporate Mass for the intention of our deceased Brother Knights on Saturday 9:30 AM, November 5. This is a First Saturday Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin. We request that Council Knights attend with their families as a fitting tribute to our departed Brothers. Wear your Council insignia (Shirts and Badges).

To enhance Council unity and participation in honoring the memory of our deceased Brethren, we ask that Knights do the following:

- **Seating:** Knights and families sit anywhere, throughout the church.
- **Gifts:** Council "Family of the Year" brings up the gifts.
- **Ministries:** Brothers serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality and ushering Ministers
- Perhaps members of male choir to lead congressional hymns.
- **Altar Servers:** If available, Knights' sons and daughters, or grandchildren.
- **Invited:** Widows and families of deceased Knights are formally invited,

and, as needed, are provided with transportation to and from Mass.

- **Rosary:** Knights lead Rosary before Mass.
- **Display:** We will have plaque and pictures in Remembrance of our Deceased Brothers.

We anticipate that these steps will foster remembrance and prayerful respect to Brother Knights who have gone to their eternal reward.