



St. Luke the Evangelist Council #12455 Raleigh

Into The Breach

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly at Nashville articulated the 140th Supreme Convention’s theme: “A Knight is a leader who stands in the breach. We defend the faith.” “We protect the family. And when a need arises, we rise to meet it.”

Knights live out our vocations as husbands, fathers and defenders of human dignity and helping the most vulnerable. Here are a few of the many initiatives that Supreme fosters — as stepping into the breach.

Life: Facilitating the January DC Marches for Life every year since Rowe v Wade (1974); Supporting pregnancy resource centers; Helping expectant mothers; Providing lifesaving ultrasound machines (1,566 so far and this continues); Initiating a \$5 million Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) initiative (each

\$500 council donation may earn additional \$100 from Supreme to the facility).

Faith: Supreme Deputy Kelly calls on us to be “Knights of the Eucharist” — growing in our faith and evangelizing by witness. We share our Catholic faith by assisting priests and pastors. Knights participate in parish and diocesan lay ministries and in adoration, retreat, faith formation and teaching ministries. Supremes' RSVP program encourages Council sponsorship of seminarians, returning \$100 for every \$500 councils contribute to seminarians. Councils and Supreme have supported nearly 6,000 seminarians and postulants — at \$5.4 million.

Community: Leave no neighbor behind. With Supreme support councils sponsor Coats for Kids, the Global Wheel-

chair Mission, Special Olympics, and funding to help the handicapped. Supreme gives financial aid to victims of tornadoes, hurricanes, and wild fires and to the persecuted peoples in the Middle East and elsewhere.

Family: Supreme establishes and promotes council strategies and funding to help feed, materially support and spiritually strengthen families. Families are under stress in the context of societal secularism, materialism and challenges to traditional parenting. K of C fosters familial growth and supports, via parish family prayer nights, parish picnics and social events, and recognitions of family of month. We celebrate “Keep Christ in Christmas”, Good Friday Family prayer and family consecration to the Holy Family.

Mark the Dates

Council Meeting. Wednesday, December 7. A pre meeting reception at 6:45 PM. Meeting follows.

Adopt a Highway. Saturday, December 10, St. Luke's parking lot between 8 and 9 AM, weather permitting.

Council Christmas Party. Saturday, December 10 at St. Luke's, 6:30 PM.

Raleigh Rally and March for Life. TBD.

Consecration to Holy Family. In church after 8:30 AM mass, Friday December 30.

Washington March for Life. Friday, January 20, 2023.

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Star Award to Council 12455, November 2

Supremes' 2022 Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and well rounded service program activities. In order to earn the award, our Council had to qualify for the Father McGivney, Founder's, and Columbian Awards. Additionally, Council had to submit on time these documents Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728), its Service Program Personnel Report (#365), and we were in good standing with Supreme Council assessments. This honor was achieved by our team of officers, program directors, and the hard work of our Brothers..

On the right PGK Craig O'Brien receives the Star award from K of C Regional District Deputy Dr. Dennis Carter.



Community



Grand Knight Chris Taurence (right) stands with members of St. Luke the Evangelist Council 12455 in Raleigh, N.C., and groceries they bagged at Catholic Parish Outreach, a food pantry of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh. The Knights participated in an assembly line charity project, packaging six pallets of food for people in need.

Columbia Magazine Recognition

Recognized in the September 2022 Knights of Columbus **Columbia** Magazine is Council 12455's food collection and fund raising efforts for Catholic Parish Outreach. CPO provides food and help to struggling families in the Raleigh Diocese. To the left, Brothers Jim Cuffney, Tim Nichols and GK Chris Taurence are pictured at the CPO food pantry.

Coats for Kids

On November 15, 2022 WGK Chris Taurence, DD Keith Kosinski, Jim Hoyle and John Puhak, Community Program Director, delivered 75 children's coats to Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO). See Picture p.6

Habitat for Humanity

Brother John Puhak also attended a November 14th Zoom meeting with representatives of Habitat For Humanity Wake County and the Catholic Coalition. The purpose was to start the process for the Catholic Coalition 2023 house build at Old Poole Place in southeast Raleigh.

The formal kick-off for the build will be January 7, 2023. John committed the Council to provide 3-5 Knights for this event. St. Luke's dedicated Saturday build date is March 11, 2023 and we need to have a minimum of 5 Knights participate. With 10 additional volunteers from the parish, we will meet the minimum required number of volunteers. Brother Randy Giggard is the parish coordinator for St. Luke's, and he will work toward getting the 15 volunteers for the Mar. 11, 2023 build.

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest —John Puhak

This event is ably chaired by Brother Jim Rispoli. The following Brothers are acting as judges: WGK Chris Taurence, DGK Rick Beebe, Bob Beasley and me. This

year there are nine entrants and \$100 prizes are to be awarded for the winners in grades eight through 12. The award presentation will be December 11, 2022.

Soccer Challenge

This year was the first time that our council sponsored the Soccer Challenge. Ben Buzitzsky chaired this very successful event. We had 13 participants and prizes were awarded to the top scoring boy or girl in their re-

spective age groups. The challenge was conducted during the annual picnic and it was well received by the participants and their families. We will conduct the challenge again next year. See picture p.6.

Welcome New Third Degree Brothers



On Wednesday, November 16, four Brothers were inducted as Third Degree Knights in our Council, including Brother James Probst, who advanced to full Knighthood in the Third Degree. Welcome Brothers Tim Fitzharris, Randy Giggard, Brendon Burns, and James Probst. (pictured front row, L-R).

We look forward to your enthusiasm and participation in our Faith in Action program activities, and we hope you will join us with your families at our Christmas Party on the evening of December 10th in St. Luke's hall.

Thanks to Monsignor Ingham for officiating in opening and closing prayer. Appreciation also to our Ex-

emplification Team: Top row, next to Monsignor, are Brothers Stanson, Koster, Taurence, Haag, and Kupec. Should you wish to be a part of the Exemplification program, please notify Brother Jim Haag, Team Coordinator.

Many Brother Knights have not observed the K of C Exemplification Process. If you haven't done so, please observe at the next opportunity. It is a very concise, meaningful and significant presentation!

Families are invited and encouraged to attend. Presentations are short and to the point. First and Second Degree Brothers participating will achieve Third Degree.

Baby Bottles for Birthchoice — Jerome Savage

Supremes' Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program provides \$100 free matching for each \$500 our Council raised to help expectant mothers in need. That unexpected blessing will benefit Birth-

choice and the families they serve.

Thanks to our parishioners and Brother Jerome's advocacy, \$1,764 has been raised thus far at St. Luke's — very close to the

yearly cap (\$2k) from Supreme for ASAP. St. Luke's Accountant informed us that a very special \$20,000 donation specifically for Birthchoice came into the office from Anonymous Donor.

Leave No Neighbor Behind

Our new Membership Directory is accessed on council webpage www.kofc12455.com. Directory password is KofC12455.

The list reveals that we may have lost touch with some Brothers. Several have not been seen around for months. Have they moved away? Are they in a restricted living? Perhaps they are unable to join in our Council activities. Maybe they do not have transportation or someone to bring him to church.

What is Knighthood all about, if we lose track of these Brothers and don't follow-up to find out if perhaps unfortunate situations prevent their participation in our fellowship?

Please attempt to be in touch with absent Knights and those hampered by sickness or incapacity to participate in our Council. Some senior Brothers are isolated and probably would like to have a phone call or email. Have we left those "neighbors" behind?

The "Leave No Neighbor Behind" is a new Community Program element. It consists of five "Support" focuses:

1. Brother Knights,
2. The parish,
3. The community,
4. Feed the hungry and
5. Blood drives.

Please notify John Puhak, if you know of a Brother or other parishioner needing support or encouragement.

Meanwhile, continue to pray for, and, if possible, visit Sir Knight Peter Kraehenbuehl, our former Council FS,

now residing at Universal Health Care, near the intersection of Durant and Capital, He appreciates Brothers and friends visiting him at the facility. Please call him first (919-368-7145).

A few months ago parishioner Eileen DiLauro died. She and others had been transported by our Knight Riders (coordinated by Tom Lindsey). In this ministry, Brothers and spouses bring neighbors not able to drive, to and from Sunday masses. Let Brother Tom know if you know of someone who needs a Knight Ride.

Our goal is to identify and inform our membership about persons having these basic needs. This is in the spirit of "leaving no neighbor behind."

Knights Council 12455 Christmas Party

We pray that Our Savior's blessings will be with you and yours during this wonderful advent and Nativity season.

Our Council Christmas Party and Potluck Dinner will be Saturday Dec 10th with a social starting at 6:30 PM and dinner starting at 7 PM. All Brothers and their families are invited.

We will set up on December 10th at 1:00 PM, and all help is welcome.

Please email GK Chris and let him know you will be coming, the number of adults and children attending, and what you will be bringing.

To give a rough guideline, use the fol-

lowing, but please feel free to bring what you like/specialize in.

Last names:

A through F - Desserts

G through M - Sides

N through Z - Mains

Council 12455 has added 18 new Brothers via Exemplification during the last two years — many with young families. Here is your opportunity to socialize and get to know these Brothers and families.

And, if you haven't been around in a while, come on by and rekindle friendship with your Brother Knights and their families. There will be food, drink, fun, fellowship and maybe even a Christmas Carol.

If you know a friend who is not yet a member of our Council, ask him to come with you. At holiday parties we get together with friends and families, opportunities to socialize and get to know fellow Catholics and Christians.

As emphasized in our Exemplification, building Christian fellowship is a core principle of our Order.

Our Knights have composed spiritual reflections on several of our 24 stained-glass windows. The Brothers share the joy of the Gospels with you through these beautiful images. You can preview past reflections on the St. Luke website, under About /Spiritual Reflections. By the way, many windows do not yet have a Knight reflection — maybe you can do a spiritually reflection on one of these.

The Mission of the Seventy-two

Luke, Chapter 10, Verses 1-24

Excerpt from verses 1-5

(1)After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. (2) He said to them, “The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. (3) Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. (4) Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. (5) Into whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this household.’

Personal reflection of Craig O’Brien

Just like the seventy-two, we are called to follow Jesus and go forth sharing His message and inviting others into a relationship with God. After studying this scripture, I realize when Jesus references the abundant harvest in verse 2, He is referring to the relationship with God. And by asking the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest, he is asking the seventy-two to pray for the mission. This is God’s call to us still, and He offers a bountiful relationship with Him through prayer and service.

We are called to serve in his name - to offer peace to our neighbor and to help the sick, the poor and those in need. At St. Luke, we are provided many opportunities to do this, whether as a Knight, like myself, or through any of the ministries that serve our parish and our community. God offers us joy in heaven by doing His work here on earth.

Jesus reaffirms this at the end of the passage, when He speaks to the privileges of discipleship saying, *“blessed are the eyes that see what you see.”* When we act as Jesus has taught us, we will experience His grace, and we will see what many prophets and kings desired to see but did not because they lack a relationship with God.



Knights In Action



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 and for our sons and daughters in the military.

Recently we lost **Linda, beloved spouse of Gary Corsmeier, former Council Treasurer (2008-2015)**. Brothers accompanied Gary and family at Linda's St. Luke's Columbarium interment. Pray for the repose of her soul. Also, pray for the soul of Brother William Schult, our power-chair user, who died recently, see below.

Remember in particular to pray for the healing of our Brothers and their families: Erin Bower, Connie Esguerra, Lynne Loebach, Peter Kraehenbuehl, Matt Petrovick, Chris Phillips, Al Przytulski, John Puhak, Joe Rothengast Jr., Steve Sedlak (age 102), Bill and Jennette Schultz and Schultz family, Don Scott, Jack Sobczak, Marilyn Struckmeyer, and Bill Wolf. If other Brothers and families wish to be 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

Memorial Mass for Our Deceased Brothers

On First Saturday, November 5, at 9:30 AM, Council offered the mass for the repose of the souls of our 20 deceased Brother Knights. First Saturday masses honor Mary, Our Blessed Mother.

The practice of the First Saturday devotion was requested by Our Lady of Fatima, who appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, multiple times starting in 1917. She said to Lucia, the oldest of the three children: "I shall come to ask . . . that on the First Saturday of every month, Communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world."

The mass was preceded by the Holy Rosary led and prayed by Council Brothers and others attending. The Celebrant was Msgr. Jeffery A. Ingham, St. Luke's Pastor. Hymns of praise honoring the BVM were sung during mass. The Council plaque with the names of the deceased Knights and their widows was displayed in the Gathering Space for all weekend masses. After the mass we had a simple reception for those attending.

Pray for our Deceased Brothers and their spouses:

- ◆ 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 Esperseth, Mrs. Carol Esperseth
- ◆ John Stewart Bailey, Mrs. Mary Bailey
- ◆ Robert A. Moore, Mrs. Marilyn Moore
- ◆ George Richardson, Mrs. Vicki Richardson
- ◆ 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

- ◆ Daniel Tomczak, Mrs. Denise Tomczak
- ◆ Thomas Matthew, Mrs. Sharon Matthew
- ◆ Nicholas Del Donno, Jr., Mrs. Josephine Del Donno



Helping a Brother and Family in Final Days

Sir Knight and former Council Financial Secretary Peter Kraehenbuehl gave his power chair (now replaced by a new power chair) to our Council. It was his hope that it could be repaired, operating and then given to a person needing this powerful one person vehicle. Brother Dave Abell fixed and replaced its charging system and wheels, so it is operating. Then we looked for someone truly needing this conveyance.

The chair was delivered to William and Loretta Schult living in Capital Oaks on November 3. Bill, a Knight originally from New York, was unable to walk. The chair enabled him to traverse facility halls, go to meals, and to access the auto for conveyance to health care services outside the facility. Sadly, Bill died November 26.

On November 30 a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Raleigh's St. Joseph's Catholic Church — officiated by Rev. Peter Devereux, LC, pastor, and concelebrated by Msgr. Jeffery A. Ingham, Msgr. John J. Williams and Rev. Lourdua Alapata.

Attending were Bill and Loretta's 3 children, and their 8 grandchildren — several schooled at Our Lady of Lourdes and/or at Bishop Gibbons — and also their 9 great grandchildren. K of C's Raleigh Honor Guard was there, honoring a fallen Brother.

Pray for our deceased Brother Bill, wife Loretta and their multi generational family.

October Family of Month Jim & Janet Probst



Jim and Janet Probst are Council's October FOM. They both have been Eucharistic Ministers for over 27 years and Jim now coordinates St. Luke's EM ministry. They also have been marriage prep mentors for 7 years and in the past have done marriage workshops. Jim and Janet also participate in God's housekeepers cleaning the church weekly. They set up the sacristy for Wednesday daily mass. Finally, Janet washes church linens and makes baptism bibs. In November Brother Jim advanced to full Knighthood in the Third Degree (see p.3) via our November Exemplification.

October Knight of Month Ken Low



Congratulations to Brother Ken Low as our October KOM. Ken (and his wife Gayle) volunteer weekly with CPO and have done so for about 8 years. Recently Ken became our CPO liaison and he started a new initiative to collect specific food items weekly for CPO. Thus far over 1,173 pounds of food has been collected together with yet to be determined monetary collections. Ken also leads Rosary at mass — monthly.

November Knight of Month Tom Phan



Brother Tom Phan is our KOM for November. Tom has spent countless hours on the new parish kitchen and on the picnic. He has been involved in designing it, removing the old equipment, storing some of the old equipment, buying and assembling new equipment; fitting out the kitchen, etc. And then at the picnic – prepping food and running the kitchen behind the scenes. He is a willing participant, helping to maintain St. Luke's facilities and to support Council projects and activities.

November Family of Month Harrison and Rose Green

Picture Not Available

Join me in congratulating Harrison and Rose Green as our FOM. Harrison and Rose are new to the parish and are in the process of transferring to our Council. They saw a need to take responsibility for the picnic for decorations and they stepped up to do this. From what I hear, everyone loved the décor and the ability to take family photos with the décor as a backdrop at the picnic. Thank you Harrison and Rose and welcome to St. Luke's.



From the Grand Knight

**SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST
COUNCIL #12455**

Be The Light – The K of C State motto for 2022/2023

The end of the year is always a good time to reflect on the past before we look forward to 2023. Our Council received the honor of the Star Award from the Supreme Council for evidence of our service and fraternal efforts last year and while we do not do it for the accolades, it is worthwhile to be recognized for being on the right track. You, our active and engaged Brothers made this happen!

In this upcoming year, I ask each of you to find one way of becoming more active and engaged with the council and our charitable works. For some of you, this may be starting to attend a few meetings to connect with our new and long-time Brothers. For others, it may be taking part in (or leading) a parish social event or a charitable event focused on the community. We have over 130 brothers in our Council. Imagine the Light we could bring to our parish and community if we all became more engaged. If you have ideas for new activities or opportunities for fun-raising, please bring them forward.

Finally, encourage non-Knights to join us. It is a great way to make friends, build community and help our neighbors in need.

Christmas is the time when we rejoice in the gift of salvation. None of us have earned this gift; it was freely given. Let's share our gifts with others and Be the Light!

Merry Christmas to you and your families! Vivat Jesus, Chris Taurence

Help us Install the Diocesan Creche

Brothers, We will be installing the Creche once again at the Diocesan Building (7200 Stonehenge Dr. at Creedmoor Rd.) on Saturday, December 3rd @ 12 Noon. Let's first meet at the Public Storage unit at Creedmoor & Lynn Rd. (6220 Creedmoor Rd. 27612) at Noon to load everything up. We'll need at least a few trucks and a couple of cars to load everything up. If you want to meet us at the Diocesan Building directly, we should be there by 12:30 PM. We'll need as many cordless drills as

you can bring and a few step ladders.

If you are available, please let me know to assure we have enough help. Email or text me is fine.

Thanks, Chris Mitta

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