

# Supreme Knight Changes

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## St. Luke the Evangelist Council #12455 Raleigh

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST  
COUNCIL # 12455

Patrick E. Kelly is our new Supreme Knight, succeeding Carl Anderson who retired at 70, the mandatory retirement age.

We have benefitted greatly from Carl's leadership, witness, and advocacy during his 20 years managing our Order. He guided the K of C as preeminent defender of life in the United States and in other countries. Carl advocated pro-life policies such as the Hyde Amendment and the Mexican City Policy, recently revoked by Presidential Executive Order.

Supreme Knight Anderson established the K of C ultrasound initiative with over 1,300 ultrasound machines donated by councils throughout the US.

He was appointed to the pontifical Academy of Life by Pope

Saint John Paul II in 1998, and was reappointed by subsequent popes. He has served as a consultant to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Benedict XVI appointed him to the Pontifical Council for the Family in 2008.

New Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly served as Deputy Supreme Knight for four years and was previously the Order's Vice President of Public Policy for 11 years. He has been the past state deputy of the District of Columbia.

In 2011 he oversaw the renewal of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center and was appointed the first director of what would become the St. John Paul II National Shrine. He has chaired the Board of Directors of the National March for Life for the last sev-

eral years.

Patrick served 24 years in active duty and in the reserves, US Navy JAG Corps. As judge advocate he specialized in international and operational law at the U.S. Naval War College.

Before K of C assignments he served as an advisor to the House Intelligence Committee and at the Justice Department specializing in counter terrorism and national security.

Patrick Kelly holds a Master in Theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in DC and a law degree from Marquette University where he joined the Knights in 1983.

He and his wife Vanessa have three daughters and live in Connecticut.

## Mark the Dates

**October is Respect Life Month.**

See: <https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>

**St. Luke Parish Picnic.** October 17, after masses.

**CPO Food for Families Drive,** October 30-31 weekend.

**Council Meetings.** Wednesdays, November 3 and December 1. Pre meeting receptions at 6:45 PM. Meeting follows.

**Veterans Day Recognition.** November 7, we serve

coffee and donuts after Sunday masses.

**Christmas Card & Nativity Scene Sale.** After masses weekends of November 20-21 and November 27-28.

**Highway Pick Up.** Saturday, December 4. See Brother Dave Abell in Church parking lot 8:30 to 9 AM.

**K of C Pancake Breakfast.** Sunday, December 5 After masses.

**Council Christmas Party.** TBA

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### Links

**State** [www.kofcnc.org](http://www.kofcnc.org)  
**Supreme** [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)  
**Raleigh Diocese**  
[www.dioceseofraleigh.org/](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/)  
**CVNC** [www.catholicvoicenc.org](http://www.catholicvoicenc.org)  
**Bishops** [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)  
**Vatican** [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

## History and Background: St. Luke's K of C Council

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K of C Council 12455 was formed May 19, 1999 by Knights of Columbus Supreme. At least 30 Knights are required to form a council and these Charter Members are listed on the next page and on the charter document posted in the Knights Room in St. Luke's downstairs educational area. Several Charter Brothers transferred from neighboring St. Francis of Assisi parish K of C Council 9709. Formation of the St. Luke's K of C was encouraged by Pastor Fr. David Brockman, (now Monsignor) as well as by Knights in Raleigh area and State K of C Officers.

At that time, St. Luke's was a relatively new parish of about 400 families. Parishioners attended mass, spiritual and educational programs and social functions in our then multi-parish facility. Fr. Shea, St. Luke the Evangelist's founding pastor, retired in the mid-90s and was succeeded by Fr. Brockman in 1994. Brother Anthony Behe, our first Grand Knight, led the Council and helped recruit new members. Brother David Ottney was our first Financial Secretary. Our formative Knights understood that the K of C does a lot of good in parishes and they wanted to have a council at St. Luke's.

From this beginning the Council actively engaged in parish efforts and community service. Knights arranged parish picnics, social events, and worked to serve parish needs. To raise funds for council and parish charitable efforts, we volunteered at Hardees, staffed beer booths at the Canes' Hockey games, ran BBQ cookouts, and other activities. We helped set up and maintain the outside grotto area and the Stations of the Cross trail. (Note the grotto walkway bricks inscribed by parish and Knight families. Brothers Dick Hoffman, Frank Sancineto Jr, and others organized parish picnics and handling food preparation, service and cleanup. Brothers Petrovick, Cox, Tomczak, and Terry Whelan, facilitated parish social events, such as St. Patrick Day parties, dances, Veterans Day recognition, seminarian support, and Sunday pancake breakfasts One of our Council activities is Adopt-a-Highway, started by GK Joe Sander in 2001. This is our twentieth year for AAH, led by Brother Abell since 2002.

Council organized yearly Lenten soup suppers, Keep Christ in Christmas sales (cards and nativity displays), and supported youth activities including burger bashes, teen education and competitions, and fund-raising activities. Brother Knights serve on the parish Pastoral and the Financial Councils.

Individually Brothers do parish spiritual growth ministries, including RCIA, choir, cantor, greeting and usher ministries, Journeymen and "That Man is You" programs, as well as participate in Church study groups and Ignatian Retreat weekends, Rosary before weekend masses, and perpetual and hourly adorations of the Blessed Sacrament.

Diocesan wide: Brothers financially support and volunteer at Catholic Parish Outreach's distribution of food and winter coats for the needy; assemble and disassemble the Diocesan Center creche (designed and built by our Brothers Cox and Corsmeier); annually facilitate the Bishop's Annual Chrism mass,

preparing and distribution of Holy Oils; join with other K of C councils raising monies for the intellectually handicapped (Operation Lamb led for last ten years by Brother Hill); participated in Right to Life and Birth Choice prayer and support activities; help run the annual Special Olympics; and, support Habitat for Humanity house construction projects.

In the early 2000s our parishioners financed and rebuilt St. Luke's separate worship, educational and office facilities. The new sanctuary accommodated about 300 and an attached hall and kitchen area made parish social events easy, popular, and delightful. The hall/kitchen enabled parishioner breakfasts, lunches, dinners, receptions, dances, and other evening festivities. Events sponsored by Knights included parishioner socials, big band dances and other charity events and fundraisers.

Tragedy struck in 2014, as vandalism and fire destroyed our relatively new sanctuary and church. The hall became our temporary church sanctuary and masses, and spiritual activities were held there, during a time of discerning future steps to repair or rebuild. Brother Rodger Ewbank designed and built the interim alter and platform, now used as stage.

We rebuilt, and in 2018 Bishop Zarama dedicated our new church and sanctuary and gathering space. Council Brothers and other parishioners helped in fundraising, architectural design, and landscaping deliberations. Brothers Kosinski and Knudson advised Pastor Fr. Robert Staley in construction financing, scheduling, and oversight matters.

The new St. Luke's church facility is a beautiful spiritual witness, a joy to parishioners, and a holy site for masses, prayer, and spiritual growth. Our Council was privileged to donate the cross above the main church entrance.

During the Pandemic 2020-2021, interaction among Brothers and our engagement in parish and community understandably was curtailed. However, we continue to meet, organize, and serve the parish with proper distancing and masking. Weather permitting, we gather outside and continue feasible and needed projects. During 2020, we designed and implemented a brand-new Council webpage, continued to publish the Council Newsletter, assisted in moving, remodeling, clean up or arranging facilities. We remain at the service of our Pastor and Council Chaplain Monsignor Jeffery Ingham.

These Knight activities are rewarding, and often are fun times with Brothers, working with parishioners and others in service to our parish, diocese, and the Raleigh community.

# Council Leadership 1999 through 2021

## Charter Members

Fr. David Brockman (now Msgr.)  
David F. Abell  
Anthony J. Behe  
Vincent C. Conzola  
Gary A. Corsmeier  
Eberly D. Crumlich\*  
Thomas J. David  
John J. DuBiel, Jr.  
Angelo T. Ganguzza  
Ray M. Heatherington  
Richard F. Hoffman\*  
Scott C. Hoover  
Larry G. Meese  
Cyril J. Miller  
Christopher L. Mitta  
Dennis M. O'Donnell  
Larry M. Opansenko  
David P. Ottney  
Matthew C. Petrovick  
Charles C. Petrucci  
Joseph J. Rothengast  
Francis T. Sancineto, Jr.  
Joseph A. Sander\*  
Donald F. Sanderson\*  
William R. Thompson  
Michael J. Whalen  
Terrance E. Whalen  
Bernard R. Zikos  
Robert m. Zillioux

## Grand Knights

Anthony Behe 1999-2001  
Joe Sander 2001-02  
Joe Cox 2002-06  
Jim Haag 2006-08

Terry Whalen 2008-10  
Joe Rothengast 2010-12  
John Bihlmeyer 2012-14  
Dave Dubis 2014-16  
John Stanson 2016-18  
Keith Kosinski 2018-20  
Craig O'Brien 2020-22

## Council Chaplains

Rev. Msgr. David Brockman 1994-2001  
Rev. Joseph G. Mulroney 2001-2010  
Rev. Msgr. Tim O'Connor\* 2010-2013  
Rev. Robert Staley 2013-2020  
Rev. Msgr. Jeffery A. Ingham 2020 to present

## Financial Secretaries

David Ottney 1999-2002  
Jim Haag 2002-06  
Peter Kraehenbuehl 2006-07  
Michael Benigno 2007-2019  
Jim Cuffney 2020- to present

## Council Treasurers

Unknown 1999-2006  
Terry Whalen 2006- 2008  
Gary Corsmeier 2008-15  
Keith Kosinski 2015-18  
Joe Jacobs 2018 to present

## Council RSVP Seminarians, now Priests

Rev. Marcos Leon-Angulo (Padre Leon)  
Rev. J. Victor Gournas  
Rev. Don Maloney

Rev. Jairo Alberto Maldonado-Pachero  
Rev. Noe Ramirez de Paz  
Rev Steven DiMassimo

## Deceased Brothers & Spouse/Relative

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  
Dan Tomczak, Mrs. Denise Tomczak  
Thomas Joseph Matthews, Jr., Mrs. Sharon Matthews  
Nicholas Del Donno, Jr., Mrs. Josephine Del Donno

\* Deceased. Please pray for and our Brothers and spouses who have gone to be with the Lord.

Compiled by Jim Haag

## Faith Program —

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Several Brother Knights do Friday adoration at St. Luke's. Brothers also staff regular hours at 24-7 adoration chapels at St. Catherine's and Our Lady of Lourdes.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is very important but sometimes not viewed as a necessary devotion — adoration may not easily fit into our busy lives.

There is nothing better than a personal encounter with the Lord. Consider adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as a personal spiritual growth opportunity. It may be inconvenient, but if you

give it a reasonable trial, you will experience His presence and, find it essential as we walk through the challenges of daily life.

Brothers and spouses also lead or pray the Rosary before weekend masses.

For over 20 years St. Luke's Council has participated in Supremes' Refund Support Vocations Program. RSVP works this way: the Council monthly contributes to individual seminarians to help with their personal expenses. Thanks to Brother Joe Jacobs for coordinating this program. We usually support three seminarians

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.

Note on page 3 of this Newsletter we list Council 12455 Supported Seminarians, who are now Priests.

During training for priesthood or religious life, we send monthly checks to seminarians: With Fr. Steven DiMassimo, now a priest, (see below), we now send RSVP support to seminarians Drew Navarro and Eric Reyes.

## Steven DiMassimo Ordained to Priesthood

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Bishop Zarama ordained deacon and Brother Knight Steven DiMassimo to the priesthood Saturday June 5 at Holy Name Cathedral. The July-August **NC Catholics** magazine features the ordination and Steve's own story about his discernment of calling to priesthood.

After ordination, Fr. Steven was hosted at a Our Lady of Lourdes reception where he met friends and supporters

throughout the diocese. On Sunday Fr. Steven celebrated his first public mass (11AM) at St. Luke's. He led a procession with the Holy Eucharist to and from our grotto. Council 12455 fourth degree Knights were privileged to escort Fr. Steven holding the Monstrance. See page 7.

After there was a St. Luke's reception. Scores of parishioners talked to Fr Ste-

ven and requested his prayers for their intentions. Fr. Steven had a long and full first day of priesthood.

Fr. Steven is assigned to Chapel Hill St. Thomas More parish. As Parochial Vicar he is a welcome spiritual resource, available to college students. His years as a FOCUS campus minister prepared him for this ministry in the university community.

## Life Program — Jerome Savage

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Raleigh's March for Life (January 16) was led by Bishop Zarama, Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson and other prolife dignitaries, who addressed us at the Capitol.

DC's Vigil Mass for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (January 28). Televised and relevant to the prolife cause was Archbishop Joseph Naumann's (Kansas City) sermon.

Thanks to Brothers, families and parishioners participating in St. Luke's prayer before the Drake Circle abortion facility March 19-20.

In April, we showed parishioners the movie —Rowe v. Wade — in St. Luke's parish hall. This is the story/

truth about this Supreme Court case and its unfortunate decision.

Regarding Congressional deliberations of the Equity Act bill, the U.S. Bishops believe that Equity Act proposal goes far beyond the noble desire to protect vulnerable people. It burdens consciences, severely curtails the rights of people to practice their faith, smuggles in an abortion mandate, and explicitly exempts itself from respecting religious freedom. See: [uscbbweb@uscbb.org](mailto:uscbbweb@uscbb.org)

The 40 Days for LIFE peaceful prayer vigil in one-hour increments started Sept 22 and runs through Oct 31. St. Luke's parishioners are scheduled to pray at the Drake Circle abortion

facility on Friday, October 22. Join us in praying for the end of abortion, and the repeal of Rowe v. Wade.

The location is at 3305 Drake Circle in Raleigh during their operational hours (7AM - 7PM) Monday through Saturday. Individuals may register for time slots online at: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/raleigh>

October is Respect Life Month. This reminds us of our obligation to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable from the beginning of life, and at every point in between, until natural death.

## Community Program

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CPO has been open during COVID and serving everyone outside. The process has been totally different than before. Hopefully the CPO will open up fully so that our team of Brother Knights will again at the warehouse.

Brother Rick Beebe advises that there are opportunities to help in food distribution on days the CPO is open. See this short video if you would like to see what it is all about at [Catholic Parish Outreach](http://CatholicParishOutreach.org), a [Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh program](http://CatholicCharitiesoftheDioceseofRaleigh.org) ([cporaleigh.org](http://cporaleigh.org)).

St. Luke's April CPO food drive col-

lected 761 pounds of canned and packaged food and raised another \$5,200 in donations. Our next CPO food drive is coming up on the October 30-31 weekend.

Our new Council emergency planning program has identified 12 areas of potential need in an emergency situation. Brothers have been contacted about facilities and abilities needed and available, and several have expressed a desire to render help or to bring emergency equipment when an emergency occurs.

Brothers Jim Rispoli and John Puhak

are leading this project and invite any Council Knight to come forth with emergency skills or equipment in this worthy effort.

Brother Dave Abell and his volunteer team did our quarterly Highway Pickup, Saturday September 4. Next one is December 4.

Thanks to Brothers: Manfred Stenke, Bob Morrow, Tom Phan, Chris Taurence, Tim Nichols, Jerome Savage and his daughter Katie, and Jim Hill who helped in this project —25 years of Council 12455.service to the community.

## Family Program

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By request, our Council will coordinate and run St. Luke's annual church picnic, October 17 — consistent with our continuing role in supporting parish and priesthood.

Our Church Picnic team is headed by Brother Frank Sancineto, Jr. We will set up, prepare and serve food and drinks, and handle parking and traffic management.

We continue to serve the parish, most recently hosting the pancake breakfast, August 29 and the Spaghetti Dinner September 29. Other events during Pandemic months include: Lenten soup supper, March 26; Ministry Fair participation, May 22; Steve's Ordination mass and reception, June 5; and Open Meeting Cookout, July 14 — a great success with many families and Knights attending



## Diocesan Chrism Mass —Tim Nichols

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For the last few years, Council helped at the annual Raleigh Diocesan Chrism Mass. This year it took place on March 30 at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. During the Mass, the Bishop blessed the Oil of the Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and consecrated the Sacred Chrism. The Sacred Oils were then distributed to priests of the diocese. Brothers Craig O'Brien, Dennis Moya, Jerome Savage, and Tim Nichols bottled the Sacred Chrism oils, assisted by six seminarians who also helped box the oils so they could be picked up by the parish priests who also were given their travel bottles. The Mass started at 10:30 AM and lasted until about 12:30 PM. It was attended by diocesan priests and parishioners.



## Brothers and Friends Appreciate Prayer

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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 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 the healing of our Brothers and their families. Jo Del Donno, JoAnn Efthemis, Luis & Alexandra Garcia, Mary Ellen Hill, Michelle Wallace's parents, Lynne Loebach, Peter Kraehenbuehl, Sharon Matthews, Matt Petrovick, Al Przytulski, Ron and Letty Phillips, Jim Rispoli's sister and brother in law, 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 want 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 the diseases of the body and bring good health to our minds.**

*From the proper hymns in the Divine Office. Feast of St. Raphael*

## Peter the Rock: Visitation Cancelled

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Throughout 2020 and the first 2021 months, Pandemic restrictions prevented family members, Knights and friends from face to face visitation with Pete. All Crescent Green residents were confined to their rooms and visitors were not allowed. Peter has suffered this for well over a year. He hasn't even been able to be with his family, nor physically meet his grandson who is 2.

During a summer respite, face to face visitations were possible. For example, Peter really enjoyed getting with Rodger and Elaine Ewbank, John Kupec, Dave Abell, Terri and Jim Haag and other friends for a face to face. We met with Pete in Crescent Green's reception area.

Unfortunately, the Pandemic isolation has been reimposed due to Covid infection at the facility. In September Peter was admitted to UNC Hospital and was diagnosed with a serious bone infection, ultimately resulting in amputation of his left lower leg. While there he was visited by his son, Fr. Steven, Terri and me.

We can do facetime and phone him. Brothers and friends are urged to do so: (919-368-7145). We look forward to a restoration of face to face visitations. In our recent Exemplification, Peter was the Honoree for the Exemplification ceremony and prayers were offered for him and for our Brother Knights isolated due to Pandemic restrictions.



# Knights in Action: Soup, Stations, Spaghetti, Pancakes, 4th Degree



# 2021 Knights of Month through September

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March - Fr. Robert Farah



April - John Puhak



July—Msgr. Jeffrey Ingham



August - Tom Phan



September- Rick Beebe

- Pictures not available for Knight of the Month Awards for the following honorees:  
- January - KOM, Jim Hill; February - KOM, Tom McVay; May - KOM, Dave Abell ; June - KOM, Joe Jacobs



# 2021 Family of the Month Awards Through September



August - Mike Moyer



July - Keith Kosinski



May - Tom Lindsey



September - Paul and Mark Koster



April - Chris Taurence

*Pictures not available for Family of the Month Awards for the following honorees:*

*January - Bill Schultz*

*February - Ken Low*

*March - Chris Mitta*

*June - Fr. Steven DiMassimo*



# From the Grand Knight

**SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST  
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Brothers,:

We are well into our new fiscal year, and we've been very busy as a Council. You can tell by the content of this newsletter that we've been fulfilling our call as Knights to put our faith into action. Whether it is through our Life program and activities or the Community, Faith and Family programs. We are making a difference in our parish and community, and I believe that we are also making a difference in the lives of each other through our fraternal bond.

As Grand Knight, I have had the honor and privilege to get to know many of you much better, and I really enjoy the work we do together. Whether it's cooking pancakes, building nativity sets, selling Christmas cards or handing out tootsie rolls – we're doing something together in acts of faith, and more importantly, it is making a difference. Looking around St. Luke's, you will always see a Knight involved in many of the other ministries of the parish, and thank you to those who serve in various capacities.

Some of you may be involved in other ministries and not as involved with the Knights, and that's

great to see as well. If you are a Brother who has been absent from Council meetings and activities, now is a great time to get re-engaged. Simply join us for the next Council meeting to learn more about what is going on and see what may interest you. I want to personally invite you to take as large or as small of a part as you like in the Council. Come enjoy the social before the meeting, and get to know your fellow Knights. We've had great turnout at recent meetings, as we continue to move through and out of the pandemic.

We are blessed to have Msgr. Ingham and his support of our Council, and we will continue to prioritize our efforts toward serving our pastor and putting our Faith into Action!

Continue to pray for the unborn. Pray for families as a model of God's domestic church. Pray for peace and for those who serve in our armed forces. Pray for each other, and pray for the sick, homebound, isolated and lonely members of our community.

Vivat Jesus, Craig

## We Could Use More Helping Hands

Our goal is to reach out and care for incapacitated and disadvantaged members of our community — the homeless, the addicted, the homebound, the imprisoned, the elderly, and others who may feel isolated or abandoned. Here's a quick summary of efforts that deserve your consideration and, if possible, your participation.

- **Prison Ministry:** The Kyros ministry provides prison retreats and workshops and continuing education opportunities for the incarcerated. Information/Contact: Dave Abell
- **Family Support Team:** Helps families experiencing homelessness to secure and maintain permanent housing. We provide assistance based on the needs of the family. Information/Contact: Reed Murphy
- **Knight Rides** gives rides to/from St. Luke's church for parishioners who can't make it to mass due to lack of transportation. Additional drivers needed. Contact: Tom Lindsey
- **Visiting Brothers in Rehabilitation or Assisted Care:** Coping with health needs, loneliness, rehabilitation challenges, and spousal loss can be a lonely and demanding task. We need to pray for Brother Knights in this painful and sometimes frustrating situation. We also need to be present to them. Knight teams are scheduled to visit Brothers in their time of need. Information/Contacts: Jim Haag, Joe Rothengast, and Matt Aremia