

Newsletter

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St. Luke the Evangelist

Knights of Columbus,
Council 12455

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Mark your Calendars

Council Meeting. Wednesday, April 1, 7:30 PM, Member social with food and refreshments starting at 6:30 PM.

Public Policy Meeting. Wednesday, April 15, 7 PM, St. Basil Room

Pancake Breakfast. Sunday, April 26.

Third Degree Exemplifications. Saturdays, May 2 at Price Council and June 6 at St. Mary's in Garner.

Annual State Convention. May 15-17, in New Bern.

Corporate Mass. May 17, at 10:30 AM mass.

Vic Gournas Deaconate Mass. June 6 at St. Luke's.

Fourth Degrees. June 27 in Wilmington; October 24 in Durham.

Ignatian Retreat. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 12-14 at Avila.

Social Outings. Durham Bulls Outing , Friday night June 5, Jersey Boys Concert, Friday night, June 26. Contact Terry Whalen. Some seats are still available.

Welcome Brothers

Jerry Anastasio, David Bonk, Jorge Esguerra, Louis Gigliotti, and Daniel Whalen each became 1st Degree Knights on March 19. Our own team conferred the degree, observed by our Council. Thanks to team: Brothers Aremia, Cochran, Haag, Kupec, Lindsey, Rothengast and Sobczak, assisted by Brothers Rombout and Stanson. GK Terry Whalen arranged the post exemplification reception.

2nd Degree Brothers

Why not achieve the honor of full Knighthood? Two 3rd Degree exemplifications are scheduled: Saturday, May 2 here in Raleigh at Price Council and Saturday, June 6 in Garner. Please let GK Terry Whalen or Chancellor John Kupec know if you want to participate in either of these exemplifications.

A Good Fund Raiser

The 2009 State K of C Vacation Raffle is underway. The drawing for an Alaskan Cruise, a Hawaiian Vacation and cash prizes will be at the State Convention on May 16. If you have not yet done so, sell the five tickets sent to you and remit stubs and proceeds to Mike Benigno, F.S. All sold and unsold tickets must be returned to the District Deputy by April 26.

To date **141 tickets have been sold.** For each \$5 ticket sold before May 1, our council receives \$2.50 (50%). Help to promote ticket sales before and after masses during the next few weekends. Stop by the table and help encourage parishioners to purchase a ticket or two.

Do Something!

New and Seasoned Brother Knights, get involved in at least one Council Program of choice.

Attached is the Council volunteer listing. Become more involved in your Council and get to know your Brother Knights.

Job Network

The Jobs and Skills Networking Group website (JSNG4U.ORG) needs you. About a third of our members have entered the network -- providing general (not resume) information. We also are getting a few job leads posted.

When you fill out your profile remember that if your profession, skill, hobby, etc. is not in the list you can add it in and/or then update it at any time. Many fields have pop-up help. You can look at the HELP page before you start.

Contact Larry Opanasno with feedback or problems in using the site Larry1957@nc.rr.com. If you have submitted your profile, make sure you can log back in and that your data are intact. SIGN UP AND MAKE THIS INITIATIVE THE VALUABLE COMMUNICATION AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IT IS DESIGNED TO BE.

Marriage Amendment

Several thousand citizens participated in the March 3 Marriage Rally at the General Assembly in Raleigh. Surely more people would have attended, had the weather been better. The NC4 Marriage Coalition sponsored the rally to urge legislative approval of a marriage amendment initiative vote. This initiative is fully supported by NC Catholic bishops.

Before and after the rally, Council #12455 Brothers and St Luke parishioners visited Representative Marilyn Avila, Senator Neal Hunt, Senator Marc Basnight, President Pro Temp of the Senate and Speaker of the House Joe Hackney. We presented them with

our Marriage Amendment Petition (460 signatures) and urged them to bring HB 361 and SB 272 to a vote in the House and Senate.

NC Knights of Columbus fully supports the NC bishops' effort to urge legislative authorization of a public vote on the Marriage Amendment to the NC Constitution. John Gouldie, State Deputy, designated Brother Pat Love, State Director of Community Activities, to develop and implement a plan for State K of C Councils to encourage and support this needed legislation.

The legislation has a long way to go to get to the floor of the House and Senate for a vote. Hopefully, with the action(s) of our NC Knights of Columbus, the NC4 Marriage Coalition, our Catholic Bishops and parishes this legislation will be passed.

Here's what you can do:

(1) **PRAY** that our NC elected representatives will do the right thing to protect, preserve, and promote traditional marriage (the union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others).

(2) **CALL** the NCGA offices of Marc Basnight, (919-733-6854), Joe Hackney (919-733-3451), Bill Owens-Chairman of House Rules, Calendar, Operations (919-733-0010), Charlie Dannelly, Chairman of Senate Ways and Means Committee (919-733-5955).

In those conversations, in a firm but polite voice, demand that they bring the Defense

of Marriage legislation (HB 361/SB272) to come to the GA floor for a vote.

(2) **RESPOND** to our bishops' request www.catholicvoicenc.org and send an automatic email in support of this legislation to your State representative and senator.

(3) **LOG ON** to www.nc4marriage.org to stay informed about what you can do to help. A voluntary cash donation to this coalition would also be appreciated.

Council Meeting

Council meets Wednesday, April 1. At 7:30 PM, **A pre-meeting reception starts at 6:30 PM with food and refreshments.** Meeting agenda include: Job Networking, Golf Outing Fund Raisers, Room at the Inn, Ignatian Retreat, Marriage Amendment, Knight Rides update, Upcoming Pancake Breakfast, Ladies Night social, State Raffle Ticket update, Organ for Choir, Finger Rosary proposal, and Knight/ Family of the Month **Bring your card and rosary.**

Why not bring food (reimbursable) for pre-meeting socials? Let GK Terry Whalen know if you can.

Knight/Family of the Month

Congratulations to Knights of the Month: John Rombout (February) and John Sobczak (March) and Families of the Month: John & Carrilon Bihlmeyer (January) and Jon & Laura Cochran (February).

Do you know a Brother or a Knight's family deserving special awards recognition? Send nominees to John Bihlmeyer (jatnc@mailcity.com) with a short justification paragraph. **WE NEED MORE INPUT FROM YOU !**

Ignatian Retreat

These are trying times! Catholic men are challenged at work, in family relationships, as fathers and grandfathers, and as Christians. The 2009 Men's Ignatian Retreat theme is: **STEWARDSHIP**: the process by which we, individually and together, return to God his gifts to us through generous service of our neighbors.

St. Luke's Knights of Columbus and the Journeymen are jointly sponsoring this retreat for men at Avila Retreat Center, Durham. It starts Friday (6/12) at 6 PM and closes Sunday (6/14) around noon.

Fr. Michael Proterra, S.J., stationed at St. Raphael's, will direct the retreat, using the *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola*. The \$145 cost for the three-day retreat includes overnight room for two nights, two dinners, two breakfasts and lunch.

Reserve your slot today by completing the form below and remitting it with a \$50 check to K of C Council #12455.

Ignatian Retreat for Men, June 12-14, 2009

Send Retreat Registration and \$50 deposit to Jim Haag, 500 Emerywood Dr., Raleigh, NC 27615

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Council Program Teams (*Jim Haag*)

COUNCIL (*Jim Kuszaj*)

Calling Tree Key Contacts: Abell, Bailey, Donnelly, Dubis, Cicchetti, Egan, Kupec, T/J. Lindsey, Rothengast, T. Whalen

First Degree Team: Cicchetti, Cochran, Kupec, Haag, T. Lindsey, Benigno, Rothengast, Sobczak

Raffle/Fund Raisers: Sancineto, T. Whalen, Benigno, Rothengast, Egan

Scrapbook/Program/Newsletter: Aremia, Haag, Rothengast, T. Whalen

Communication/Awards: Bihlmeyer, Dasher, Kuszaj, Rothengast

Membership/Retention: Kupec, T. Whalen, Benigno, Rothengast, Egan, Burkett

Mentors (Buddy Program): Rothengast, Kupec, Whalen, Aremia, Burkett, T. Lindsey, Herhold,

CHURCH (*Mike Fober*)

Barbeque Site Construction/Maintenance: Abell, Aremia, Beasley, Colopy, Cox, Corsmeier, Figueroa, Fober, Jacobs, Juda, Kupec, Sobczak

Barbeque Cooking: Beasley, Corsmeier, Dubis, Figueroa, Fober, Kupec, Sobczak, T. Whalen

Keep Christ in Christmas: Egan, Sander. T. Whalen

Kitchen: Fober, Aremia, Dougherty, Corsmeier, Opanasenko, R. DeMarco, Rombout, T. Whalen

Decoration and Set up: Williams, Rombout

Vocations: Fober, Rothengast, Egan

RCIA: Beasley, Dawson, Ewbank, Fober, Jacobs

Lunch with Fr. Joe: Aremia, Donnelly, Sancineto, Rothengast, Fober, T. Whalen, Ewbank, Bihlmeyer, Burkett, Benigno, Kupec, Eshelman, Dougherty, Corsmeier, Haag, Mitta, Juda, Beasley, Rombout, Stanson, Rich DeMarco, Frank DeMarco, Kraehenbuehl

Corporate Mass: Fober, Ewbank, Kuszaj, Rothengast

YOUTH (*Matt Aremia*)

Vita Nova: Aremia, Bihlmeyer,

Boy Scouts: Burkett, Bihlmeyer, Flint

Altar Servers: Kuszaj

COMMUNITY (*Bill Dougherty*)

Adopt a Highway: Abell, Benigno, Bihlmeyer, Cox, Juda, Sofra, Sobczak, Tomczak, and T. Whalen

Habitat: Herhold, R. DeMarco

Operation Lamb: Opanasenko, T. Lindsey,

Pro Life: T. Lindsey, Juda, Schultz, Dasher, Abell, Dougherty, Haag

Public Policy: Aremia, Benigno, Burkett, Colopy, Corsmeier, Dougherty, Eshelman, Haag, Kupec, J/T. Lindsey, Stanson, O'Donnell, Eshelman, Rothengast, Schultz, T. Whalen

Relay for Life: Boyer, Irving, T. Whalen

Catholic Parish Outreach: Del-Donno, Dougherty, Rombout, T. Whalen,

Assist Those in Need: Cicchetti, Ewbank, T. Lindsey, Phillips, T. Whalen,

Veterans: Tomczak, T. Whalen

Visitation Team: Abell, Aremia, Beasley, Benigno, Corsmeier, Cox, F. DeMarco, R. DeMarco, Dobner, Egan, Ewbank, Haag, Kupec, T. Lindsey, Maloney, Mitta, Rothengast, T. Whalen

FAMILY (*Frank Sancineto*)

Picnic, Dances and Parties: Sancineto, Kuszaj

Miniature Golf Outing: Rothengast

Pancake Breakfast: Cochran, Aremia, Bihlmeyer, Corsmeier, Egan, T. Whalen, Sancineto, Dubis, Fober, Herhold, Rothengast,