

# Newsletter

June 2009

## St. Luke the Evangelist

Knights of Columbus,  
Council 12455

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### Mark your Calendars

**Ministry Fair.** May 30-31.

**Council Meeting.** Wednesday, June 3, 7:30 PM. A pre-meeting reception begins at 7 PM, after mass.

**Adopt a Highway.** Saturday, June 13, 9 AM.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.** Saturday June 6, St. Mary Mother of the Church, Garner.

**Vic Gournas Deacon Ordination.** Saturday June 6, St. Luke's, 10:30 AM.

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

**Public Policy Meeting.** Wednesday, June 17, 7 PM, St. Basil Room

**Lunch with Fr. Joe,** Saturday, June 20

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

**Social Outings.** Durham Bulls, Friday night June 5, tickets need to be picked up from Terry Whalen; Jersey Boys Concert, Friday night, June 26. No tickets left.

## From the GK

Well, can you believe we have one more month left in this fraternal year. DGK, Joe Rothengast and I attended the annual State Convention in New Bern on May 15-17 and our Council was presented with 7 awards for various outstanding accomplishments during the past year! Come to our next business meeting on June 3 and see what they were and hear the history behind them. You should all be proud to be a member of such an active council.

The State Council used the convention gathering, where practically all 122 councils were represented, to dedicate ample time to the same-sex marriage issue and request all Brothers to get behind our bishops in support of public policy issues relevant to our faith. Progress has been slow but our council, spearheaded by Brother Bill Dougherty and our Public Policy committee, continues to blaze the path. Why not join us?

Also at our next meeting we will be voting for new officers, an important activity that provides an opportunity for any brother to nominate any Council Brother he pleases for an officer position. Please take advantage of this chance to have your say on how our Council is being led.

## Ministry Fair

On weekend of May 24-25, the Council will have a table at the ministry fair between and after masses. Brothers are needed to man the table. Call GK Terry Whalen. Otherwise stop by to lend support. Bring a friend who you would like to recruit into the Knights.

## Congratulations!

On May 2, the following Brothers received the honor of full Knighthood in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree: Jerry Anastasio, Dave Bonk, James Flint, Lou Gigliotti, and Randy Wilson. The degree took place at Price Council in Raleigh and was observed by John Kupec and John Rambout. A reception followed the event. Brothers Anastasio, Bonk and Gigliotti made their 2<sup>nd</sup> degrees earlier that day at St. Raphael's Council.

## Officer Elections

At the June 3 meeting we will elect 2009-10 Council Officers, except appointed Financial Secretary, Lecturer and Chaplain positions. The following Brothers are willing to serve another year, if elected.

- GK: Terry Whalen
- DGK: Joe Rothengast
- Chancellor: John Kupec
- Treasurer: Gary Corsmeier
- Recorder: David Sofra
- Warden: Matt Aremia
- Inside Guard: John Bihlmeyer
- Outside Guard: Tom Lindsey

Brother Bill Dougherty is nominated for the vacant Advocate office. Additional nominations may be made prior to the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting election.

## Ignatian Retreat

Join us June 12-14 for this spiritual growth opportunity, focusing on STEWARDSHIP: how we, individually and together, return to God his gifts to us through service of our neighbors.

Fr. Michael Proterra, S.J. 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. However, we have some limited resources to assist needy men, so call Jim Haag (841-5817) if you would like to attend but cost is a problem.

## Deacon Vic

Vic Gournas (one of our RSVP seminarians) will be ordained by the Bishop as a Deacon on Saturday June 6. Please plan to attend if possible. Let GK Terry Whalen know if you can help direct parking for an expected overflow of attendees at this significant event at St Luke's.

## Year of the Priest

Pope Benedict has designated a Jubilee Year of the Priest, beginning June 19 – Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Your prayers for our Pastor, Fr. Joe Mulrone, and for our RSVP Seminarians Vic Gournas and Brother Don Maloney, are timely and appreciated. If possible, spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays during the year.

Note: Parish adoration on Friday, June 5, the day before Vic's ordination as a Deacon, will be offered specifically for vocations. Come by and say a prayer!

## Can You Help!

**Consider giving time for at least one Council Program.** See attached volunteer listing. Involvement is the way to get to know your Brother Knights and to get the most out of belonging to our order. Contact Jim Haag to add your name or make any corrections.

## Public Policy

In its April meeting the committee discussed a proposal to create a Council "blog" on our website to exchange views, build awareness, educate, and form consensus on Catholic doctrine and teaching. Mike Benigno will develop the "blog" with the assistance of Joe Rothengast, our Communications Director. More on this and other

key issues at our meeting on Wednesday, June 17 at 7 PM

## Council Meeting

Council meets Wednesday, June 3 At 7:30 PM, **A pre-meeting reception starts at 7 PM with food and refreshments.** Meeting agenda include: Job Networking, Vic Gournas Deaconate, Room at the Inn, Retreat, Public Policy Issues, Marriage Amendment, Knight Rides, Ladies Night social, and Knight/ Family of the Month **Bring your card and rosary.**

We need volunteers to bring food (reimbursable) for pre-meeting socials? Let GK Terry Whalen know if you can and he will develop a schedule.

## Knight/Family of the Month

Congratulations to May Knight of the Month: Mike Benigno and Frank & Laura Sancineto May Family of the Month. Send your your nominees to John Bilhmeyer ([jatnc@mailcity.com](mailto:jatnc@mailcity.com)) with a short justification.

## ***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, Anastasio, 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:** Anastasio, Benigno, Egan, Rothengast, Sancineto, T. Whalen.

**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 (Open)***

**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:** Anastasio, Rombout, Williams

**Vocations:** Fober, Rothengast, Egan

**RCIA:** Beasley, Dawson, Ewbank, Fober, Jacobs

**Lunch with Fr. Joe:** Rothengast, Aremia, Donnelly, Sancineto, 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, Anastasio, Kuszaj.

**Miniature Golf Outing:** Rothengast

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