

Newsletter

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St. Luke the Evangelist

Knights of Columbus,
Council 12455

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Council Meeting. Wednesday, July 1, 7:30 PM. A pre-meeting reception begins at 7 PM, after mass.

Public Policy Meeting. Wednesday, July 22, 7 PM, Catherine Drexel/Elizabeth Seton Room

Lunch with Fr. Joe, Saturday, July 11

Fourth Degree. October 24 in Durham.

Texas Hold' Em. Friday, July 31, 7 PM Church Hall.

From the GK

The new fraternal year starts on July 1, 2009. We are looking forward to continuing the work we are called to do as Knights for our Church, our Order and all the needy individuals and organizations that rely on our

support. The Officers and Directors met this past week and established some priorities that are consistent with those of Supreme and our State organizations while at the same time further developing those activities we wish to continue and pursue within our council. I ask you to pray about your involvement and review the Council Program Team listing attached to this newsletter. Surely there is something there that is to your liking or meets your talents. If so, send your name to the appropriate project leader as indicated by the *
See you at the Social / Business Meeting on July 1 at 7 PM.

We now have a larger room for our meetings directly across the hall from the St. Basil room (Catherine Drexel / Elizabeth Ann Seton rooms).

Double Star Again!

Brother Joe Sendleback, Worthy District Director #8 announced that Council #12455 will receive Supreme's Double Star Award for the second successive year.

Every fraternal year councils throughout the order seek to qualify for one or more awards given out by the Supreme Council for achievement in programming, membership recruitment and retention, and promotion of the Order's insurance. The Columbian Award recognizes quality church, community, council, family and youth programming. The Fr. McGivney Award is given for membership growth while the Founders' Award is for meeting insurance quotas. All of the above are necessary for Star Council status. Because of our substantial membership growth since last July we will receive the Double Star again this summer.

Congratulations to our Council. The award recognizes the great

job done by members and leaders working for our Church, parish and community. Jesus continues to bless our efforts as Knights.

You Da Man!

Brother John Bihlmeyer is heading up St. Luke's "That Man is You" initiative. TMIY is a national male leadership program that meets weekly in 13 week increments. Its purpose is to transform men, families and society through the combined teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints in a multi-media format.

"That Man is You" begins Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009 at 7 AM. Weekly meetings will conclude by 8:30 AM and will include breakfast social, presentation with DVD on topic followed by breakout group discussions, and closing comments. The early Saturday morning time means that men will not have to forfeit family, work and social obligations to participate.

This same program will start its second year at St. Catherine of Sienna parish in Wake Forest. Talk to Deacon Mike Sanchez or Brother Bob Beasley to get the low down on the program's success at that parish. For more information on the program see TMIY website: <http://www.paradisusdei.org/tmiy/index.asp?varaction=logout>

Elections

At the June 3 meeting we elected 2009-10 Council Officers:

- GK: Terry Whalen
- DGK: Joe Rothengast
- Chancellor: John Kupec

- Treasurer: Gary Corsmeier
- Recorder: David Sofra
- Advocate: Bill Dougherty
- Warden: Matt Aremia
- Inside Guard: John Bihlmeyer
- Outside Guard: Tom Lindsey

Congratulations and hearty thanks to these Brothers. We recognize and greatly appreciate your generosity and willingness to provide leadership and service to our Council and its programs.

Ignatian Retreat

Twelve Knights from St. Luke's Council #12455 joined 12 men from our parish, other K of C councils and other parishes for the June 12-14 weekend retreat at Avila. The focus was on STEWARDSHIP: how we, individually and together, return to God his gifts to us through service of our neighbors.

Fr. Michael Proterra, S.J. directed the retreat, using the *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola*. We have another Ignatian Retreat scheduled for June 2010. Talk to Jim Haag for more information.

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 Mulroney, 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.

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 or the appropriate Project Leader to add your name or make any corrections.

Member Survey

Supreme annually requests that councils document member volunteer hours. This substantiates K of C's tax-exempt status and tracks the extent and significance of charitable and community service rendered by Knights. Last year our Council's 88 active members provided an estimated 18,600 hours to church, community, family, youth, and council activities.

To obtain this information, we ask each Brother to estimate his volunteer hours during the first six months of the year. These survey data enable approximation of total service hours given by our Council members for the 2008. A web-based survey will be e-mailed to you in July. Please take

a few minutes to answer this brief questionnaire – mostly a convenient check off. GK Whalen needs this very useful and necessary data.

Council Meeting

Council meets Wednesday, July 1 At 7:30 PM, **A pre-meeting reception starts at 7 PM with food and refreshments.** Meeting agenda include: TMIY, Priorities/plans for new fraternal year, Op Lamb, Job Networking, Room at the Inn, Youth Mission night, Retreat, Public Policy Issues, 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 June Knight of the Month: Tom Lindsey and to June Family of the Month, Matt and Cindy Aremia. Send your nominees to John Bihlmeyer (jatnc@mailcity.com) with a short justification.

Council Program Teams (*Jim Haag*)

“That Man is You” *Bihlmeyer, Haag, T Whalen

COUNCIL (*Jim Kuszaj*)

Calling Tree Key Contacts: Abell, Anastasio, Baily, Donnelly, Dubis, Cicchetti, Egan, Kupec, T/J. Lindsey, *Whalen, Rothengast, Haag,

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

Raffle/Fund Raisers: Anastasio, Sancineto, Whalen, Benigno, Dasher, Rothengast, Egan

Scrapbook/Program/Newsletter: *Aremia, Rothengast, Haag, Whalen

Communication/Awards: *Rothengast, Kuszaj, Dasher, Bihlmeyer

Membership/Retention: *Kupec, Whalen, Benigno, Rothengast, Egan, Burkitt

Mentors (Buddy Program): * Benigno, Rothengast, Kupec, Whalen, Aremia, Burkitt, Tom Lindsey, Herhold

CHURCH (*Jorge Esguerra*)

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

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

Keep Christ in Christmas: *Whalen, Haag, Sander

Kitchen: *Kuszaj, Fober, Aremia, Dougherty, Corsmeier, Opanasenko, Rich DeMarco, Rombout, Whalen

Decoration and Set up: *Anastasio, Williams, Rombout

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

Vocations/Seminarians: Esguerra, Fober, Rothengast, Egan

Take Fr. Joe to Lunch: Aremia, Sancineto, *Rothengast, Fober, Whalen, Ewbank, Bihlmeyer, Dasher, Donnelly, Burkitt, Benigno, Kupec, Eshelman, Dougherty, Corsmeier, Haag, Kraehenbuehl, Mitta, Juda, Beasley, Rombout, Stanson, R DeMarco, F DeMarco

Corporate Mass: *Esguerra, Ewbank, Kuszaj, Rothengast

COMMUNITY (*Bill Dougherty*)

Adopt a Highway: *Abell, Cox, Juda, Sofra, Bihlmeyer, Tomczak, Benigno, Whalen, Juda, Sobczak, Tomczak

Habitat: Herhold, R. DeMarco

Operation Lamb: *Opanasenko, Lindsey,

“ Room at the Inn” *Rothengast, T.Whalen

Pro Life: Lindsey, Juda, Shultz, Dasher, Abell, Dougherty, Haag, Whalen, McKellar

Public Policy Initiatives and Actions: Dougherty, Benigno, Burkitt, Rothengast, Aremia, T. Whalen, Josh Lindsey, Tom Lindsey, Corsmeier, Haag, Stanson, Eshelman, Schultz, Anastasio, O'Donnell, Kupec

Relay for Life: T.Whalen, Irving, *Boyer

Catholic Parish Outreach: *T.Whalen, Dougherty, DeIDonno, Rombout, Rothengast

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

Veteran's Day: *Tomczak, T Whalen

RBC: *Corsmeier, T. Whalen, Kupec

Competitive Sports Programs: *F. De Marco, R DeMarco

YOUTH (*Matt Aremia*)

Vita Nova: *Aremia, Bihlmeyer,

Boy Scouts: *Burkitt, Bihlmeyer, Flint

Altar Servers: *Kuszaj

Soccer/Free-Throw:

FAMILY (*Frank Sancineto*)

Church Picnic: *Sancineto

Dances and Parties: *Sancineto, Kuszaj

Miniature Golf Outing: *Rothengast

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

