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St. Luke the Evangelist

Knights of Columbus,
Council 12455

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Mark your Calendars

Council Meeting. Wednesday, August 5, 7:30 PM. A pre-meeting reception begins at 7 PM, after mass.

Youth Dinner. Thursday, August 6

First Degree Exemplification. Wednesday, August 12, 7 PM, St Luke's

Family Week. August 16-22

Miniature Golf. Sunday, August 9, 5 PM, Falls of the Neuse Miniature Golf

Price Council Family Picnic for 3rd and 4th Degrees. Sunday, August 16, 3-7PM

Public Policy Meeting. Wednesday, August 19, 7 PM, Catherine Drexel/Elizabeth Seton Room

Lunch with Fr. Joe, Saturday, August 15

Spouse Appreciation Dinner. September 18, at St. Luke's

Operation Lamb. Harris Teeter, Falls and Durant 10/10; Wakefield 10/17-10/18. Please sign up.

Third Degree. October 17, St. Raphael's

Fourth Degree. October 24, In Durham

From the GK

July, as might have been expected, was one of the Council's lightest activity months in recent memory. Hopefully we are now well rested and excited about our plans for the balance of the fraternal year. You can view the council calendar on our web site: www.kofc12455.org.

DGK Joe Rothengast and I attended the State Organization Meeting last week in Charlotte and had an opportunity to introduce ourselves to the new SD, David Jones, and some of the other state leaders. Learn more about their agenda and plans for our order in North Carolina by attending our monthly business meeting this coming Wednesday, August 5.

Also, the St. Luke's First Degree Team is holding a Degree Exemplification on the following Wednesday, August 12 at 7 PM in our council room. Please make it a point to come to support our team and welcome new brothers into the order from our Council as well as others from our district.

Lastly, as we kick off this year, I ask that you recommit yourself to your vows when you joined the Knights and get involved in our many activities, making this our most successful year ever.

Youth Mission

As part of the Vita Nova "Mission Possible." August 3-7, our Council will be providing burgers and hot dogs on Thursday August 8. Joe Cox, Matt Aremia and Gary Corsmeier could use help in preparing and serving the food. We will be recruiting Brothers at the August 5 Council Meeting

Family Week

Brother Joe Rothengast has arranged for a miniature golf Family Week outing, Sunday August 9. Tee time is at 5 PM and we have a special discount rate at the Falls Golf Complex.

Grab the wife and kids and join us for this fun event. What a great way to get to know your Brother Knights, their Ladies and their families!!

First Degree

The August 12 Council 1st degree exemplification starts at 7:30 PM in our meeting area. However, we ask that Brothers be there no later than 7 PM to allow ample time to prepare and properly stage the degree. The ceremony will be conducted by our own Council 1st Degree Team. Several men will be inducted as Knights of Columbus from our parish and other parishes.

Come and observe the degree. We need to have a good Council representation at this significant first step in Knighthood. If you have not had the opportunity to see a first degree in a while, you will appreciate and be reminded of this meaningful and edifying experience of Knighthood. Please wear your logo shirt and name tag.

Do you know a Catholic gentleman who you have been thinking of inviting to be a Knight? Now is a propitious time to ask him to fill out a Form 100 – available in the brochure rack at Church. He can be invited to the exemplification here at St. Luke's.

Operation Lamb

This is North Carolina's annual K of C charity fund raiser. Helping people help themselves since its

inception in 1974, nearly \$16 million has been raised with this program in North Carolina.

For our annual Tootsie Roll Drive, each Brother Knight is asked to spend a couple of hours outside a local food store, offering free Tootsie Rolls to all passers-by and, by doing so, soliciting donations to assist persons with intellectual disabilities (including mental retardation). The smiling faces of our Knights (and their families) in bright yellow aprons are familiar sights throughout the state.

This wonderful cause is greatly appreciated by local non-profit organizations and their many volunteers and participants that help train, employ, and care for the intellectually challenged.

The funds collected go to **LAMB Foundation**, an extremely effective and efficient use of your charity dollars. There are no paid employees. The foundation is administered by volunteers only. There are no fancy headquarters. They work out of homes, churches and K of C council halls. The foundation gets its name from the biblical quotation: "Whatsoever you do to the **Least Among My Brethren**, that you do also to me." ref: Matthew 25:40.

As a Knight of Columbus you have the opportunity contribute your time and money to help this charity and to solicit funds for this most worthy cause.

Additional donations from individuals and local companies cover the overhead cost of candy and aprons. All money "raised on the street" goes directly to programs helping people that are afflicted with the varied forms of intellectual disabilities.

Thanks to the generosity of the shoppers in North Carolina and corporate sponsors, in 2008 alone, the membership and volunteers

collected \$948,106.48 to help these special citizens across the state. During the 2009 campaign, we hope to build on the past successes of this drive and raise over \$1,000,000 for this charity.

Tax deductible donations ***must*** be made our to **LAMB Foundation of NC, Inc.**, an IRS charitable 501(c)(3) organization ID# 56-2139696

Can You Help!

Consider giving time for at least one Council Program.

Involvement is the way to get to know your Brother Knights and to get the most out of belonging to our order. Contact Bob Beasley or the appropriate Project Leader to add your name.

Member Survey

Supreme requires councils to report member volunteer hours to substantiate K of C's tax-exempt status and track the 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, each Brother is asked to estimate his volunteer hours during the first six months of the year. The web-based survey is located at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.a.spx?sm=2bCnfo5NUPj_2bz7sqV_HKOv7Q_3d_3d.

These survey data allow us to estimate service hours given by our Council members for the 2008. 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, August 5, 7:30 PM, **A pre-meeting reception starts at 7 PM with food and refreshments.** Meeting agenda include: Adopting Council budget, Youth Mission night, Op Lamb, Job Networking, FOCUS support, Room at the Inn, Retreat, Public Policy Issues, H2O for Hunger, 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.

Kudos!

Council 12455 recognizes the outstanding contributions of Jim and Joanne Kuszaj, our Family of the Year and Bill Dougherty, our Knight of the Year.

Also, congratulations to Knight of the Month for July, Jim Haag and to July Family of the Month, Frank and Lisa DeMarco.

Send your nominees to John Bihmeyer (jatnc@mailcity.com) with a short justification.

Word to the Wise

Protecting our home is of concern to all of us. Why not keep your car key chain next to your bedstead? If a home invasion or emergency occurs, punch the car alarm to alert neighbors that something is amiss. This probably will also startle the intruder, and cause that person to leave -- like pronto!

TRY this out!

Council Program Teams (*Bob Beasley*)

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, Foher, Jacobs, Juda, Kupec, Petrovick, Sobczak

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

Keep Christ in Christmas: *Whalen, Haag, Sander

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

Decoration and Set up: *Anastasio, Williams, Rombout

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

Vocations/Seminarians: Esguerra, Foher, Rothengast, Egan

Take Fr. Joe to Lunch: Aremia, Sancineto, *Rothengast, Foher, 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

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

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, DelDonno, 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, Petrovick

Miniature Golf Outing: *Rothengast

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

Social Activity Planning: *Whalen, Sancineto