

Newsletter

July 2008

St. Luke the Evangelist

Knights of Columbus,
Council 12455

Inside

Double Star
New Thirds
State Meeting
Degree Progress
Peter's Rehabilitation
Elections
Council Meeting
Member Survey
Unborn Victims
Men's Retreat

Mark your Calendars

Council Meeting. Wednesday, July 2, 7:30 PM. A pre-meeting reception begins at 6:30 PM, with pizza and soft drinks.

State K of C Organizational Meeting. July 11-13, North Raleigh Hilton.

Second Degree Exemplification. July 11, 8:30 PM at the North Raleigh Hilton (connected with State Organizational Meeting).

K of C Family Week. August 9-17.

Youth Barbeque Fund Raiser. Sunday, September 7.

Adopt a Highway. Saturday, September 13.

Double Star

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

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 (24) since last July we will receive the Double Star award 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.

New Third Degrees

Congratulations to Brothers Bob Beasley, John Rombout and John Stanson who received the honor of full knighthood in the Third Degree on June 7 at Keenan Council, St. Mary Mother of the Church, Garner. Terry Whalen and John Kupec observed the degree.

State Meeting

The State K of C Organizational Meeting is being hosted by All Saints' Council (St. Francis) here at the Raleigh Hilton July 11-13. The business meeting will start at 8:30 on Saturday. Terry Whalen,

GK and Joe Rothengast, DGK are attending as Council delegates. However, any member is invited to attend and observe the

proceedings. Let Terry Whalen know if you plan to attend.

Second Degree

On Friday evening, July 11 at the Raleigh Hilton, there will be a 2nd Degree Exemplification starting at 8:30 PM. This will be a great opportunity for many of you to receive the honor of 2nd degree and then be able to advance to full Knighthood in the 3rd degree later this year. First Degree Knights contact John Kupec, Membership Director, if you are able to take the next step towards full Knighthood.

Officer Elections

At our June meeting the Council elected the following Officers:

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

Peter's Rehab Team

Peter now resides at Stonehenge Apartments off Creedmoor Rd. His new address is: 7208-5 Stonecliff Dr., Raleigh, NC 27615.

A team of Knights (and others) will visit Peter at specific times during the week. During these visits we will keep him in the loop of fraternal relationships and render back up assistance as Peter walks with a walker or does other rehabilitative tasks. The goal is to encourage and support Peter and assist in getting him to weekend masses -- probably on Saturdays - - and then return home. Team members will be not be required to provide physical therapy or lifting but will be trained to help him get into his car, to load and unload his power chair, and to drive him to and from various locations including St. Luke's. To join the team, call Jim Haag 841-5817.

Council Meeting

Our Council meeting takes place at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, July 2. **A pre-meeting reception will start at 6:30 PM. With food and refreshments.**

Meeting agenda include: Barbeque Project, Kitchen Clean Up, Peter Rehab Team, All Saints Academy Fund Raiser, Summer Family Event, Barbeque for Youth Groups, Buddy Program (Mentors), Program Director volunteers, Special Olympics Budget, new Council web page and other important Council business. **Note: Bring your card and rosary.**

Member Survey

Each year Supreme and State Council require tabulation of K of C members' volunteer, service and charitable hours. In 2007-08 our 89 Brothers (as of 7/07) contributed an estimated 17,600 hours to church, community, family, youth, and council activities. Council #12455 Knights are very active in Catholic

education, outreach, public service and other volunteer endeavors.

Each summer we poll Council #12455 members to ask them what types of volunteer activities they did during the first six months of the year. Last year 40 of our 89 Knights responded and the member survey was generally representative of the range and variety of member participation in the Council. These survey data were used to approximate total service hours given by our Council for the 2007-08 fraternal year.

This year we have 115 members, and a substantial increase in the amount and type of voluntary service is expected. However, we need you to take the time (about 10 minutes) to complete the on line survey. We also ask about your interests, areas of preferred involvement and suggestions as to new or expanded Council events and services.

The survey will be coming to you via e-mail in July.

Unborn Victims

Bill Dougherty reports that he has received copies of about 20 letters sent by Brothers to their respective legislators urging them to support the General Assembly's adoption of Unborn Victims of Violence legislation.

Jack Murray, State Advocate, urgently required all District Deputies to contact their respective councils asking them to take action to support HB 263 and SB 295. At the July State Organizational Meeting we may hear more about letters written, resolutions passed and other activities by N C Knights.

Jim Haag wrote this letter that was printed in the N & O Letters to the Editor section on June 18:

"Last week three N&O articles discussed murders of mothers carrying unborn children in their wombs. Sunday's front page recalled Jenna Nielsen, stabbed to death while delivering newspapers last spring. Wednesday's edition (3B) updated the search for the killer of Corinne Broadway and her unborn baby, only a few days before. At least six other pregnant NC women, the most recent being Marine Cpl Maria Lauterbach, have been murdered with their unborn babies. We pray for the families and friends who have lost loved ones and their unborn children. Now is the time for our General Assembly to bring the Unborn Victims of Violence bill to the floor and to deliberate and adopt this important proposed legislation.

"As noted in Sunday's brief discussion of NC's proposed Unborn Victims of Violence legislation, 36 other states have adopted laws to hold individuals, who in the commission of a crime, cause injury to a woman and her unborn child. North Carolina has 2007-2008 legislative proposals (HB 263, SB 295) that recognize the rights of an unborn child as a separate and distinct victim, when a crime is committed against a mother and her unborn child. Unfortunately, North Carolina remains the only state in the Southeast that has not yet done so. Please urge your legislators in the NCGA to enact Unborn Victims of Violence legislation this year."

Men's Retreat

Thirty men, including 13 Knights from our Council took "A Closer Walk with the Lord." The two-day closed (silent) retreat was directed by Fr. Michael Proterra, SJ based on the *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola*. The consensus of our Brother retreatants is: do this closed retreat again next year, and extend it into mid-day Sunday.