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St. Luke the Evangelist

Knights of Columbus,
Council 12455

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Mark your Calendars

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

K of C Family Week. August 9-17. A night with the Durham Bulls has been scheduled for Friday, August 8. Also planned is a miniature golf event. Details to follow.

Council Officer Installation. Saturday, August 16, after 5:30 PM mass. There will be a Social afterwards. All brothers and their spouses are encouraged to attend and welcome our new officers.

Public Policy Committee. Meets Wednesday, August 20, 7 PM in St. Basil Room.

Membership Blitz. Saturday and Sunday, September 6-7. This will

be the best opportunity to show our unity and encourage others to join our Council. Details to be given at August Council Meeting.

Youth Barbeque Fund Raiser. Sunday, September 7.

Adopt a Highway. Saturday, September 13.

Pancake Breakfast. Sunday, September 21, after 8:30 Mass.

Double Star

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 2nd Degrees

Congratulations to Brothers Josh Lindsey, Jon Corcoran (Sr.), Rich DeMarco and Frank DeMarco for receiving the honor of 2nd Degree on Friday July 11 at the Raleigh Hilton. Terry Whalen, Tom Lindsey, Jon Corcoran, Jim Haag and John Kupec observed.

State Meeting

The State K of C Organizational Meeting took place at the Raleigh Hilton July 11-13. The business meeting was held on Saturday. Terry Whalen, GK and Joe Rothengast, DGK represented Council 12455. According to State Deputy, John Gouldie, this was the best-attended State Organization meeting in history. This year the Supreme Council has made Pro Life the top priority for the organization, followed by additional emphasis on recruitment of our Hispanic brothers and the youth/Squires program.

Visiting Peter

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

Members of the Team, including Knights and others, visit Peter on a rotating schedule during the week. We may talk about fraternal, Church community and other matters, share a pizza, play cards, and/or assist Peter as needed. The goal is to encourage him as he rehabilitates and, if possible, help him get to and from mass -- particularly on Saturdays. Team members do not provide physical therapy or lifting, but most are trained to assist him in getting in and out of a car. Some members can drive him to and from various locations including St. Luke's. Team members visit once every two to three weeks on a rotating schedule. Of course, all Brothers -- team members or not -- are encouraged to call Peter (368-7145) and wish him well in his recovery and rehab.

Please consider joining the team. Call Jim Haag 841-5817.

Council Meeting

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

Meeting agenda include: Barbeque Project, Kitchen Clean Up, Catholic Voice NC, Peter Rehab Team, All Saints Academy Fund Raiser, Summer Family Event, Barbeque for Youth Groups, Buddy Program (Mentors), Program Director volunteers, Special Olympics, 4TH Degree Exemplification, Budget, new Council web page and other important Council business. **Note: Bring your card and rosary.**

Catholic Voice

For years, Catholics in North Carolina have been relatively silent in letting their voices be heard on matters of public policy, especially as it relates to legislation that negatively impacts our faith. Today, there are an estimated 800,000 Catholics who worship in 187 Catholic Churches and Missions in the states' two dioceses, Raleigh and Charlotte. There are also over 14,000 Knights of Columbus in over 100 councils throughout our state. We can and should have a "Voice" to help influence and shape legislation that impacts our faith.

To achieve that end, our Bishops have established www.CatholicVoiceNC.org. The purpose of this public policy initiative is to provide us with nonpartisan information on legislative matters that intersect with Catholic teaching, values, and morality, and, to give Catholics a way to voice their opinions directly to state legislators. Catholic Voice NC will track the progress of legislation for which Scripture and

the teaching of the Catholic Church offers a framework for understanding. Four Areas will be initially followed:

- * Respect Life
- * Stem Cell Research
- * Immigration
- * End of Life

Catholics who join the organization will be notified by email by the Bishops when one of these issues is presented for a vote. Catholic Voice NC members will be invited to contact their legislators using the website.

The initial effort of Catholic Voice NC will be a survey that will be sent to all candidates for legislative and federal office. The survey will ask candidates to declare their positions on a variety of issues that are related to the teaching of the Catholic Church. Issues include: the death penalty, abortion, stem cell research, and immigration, defense of marriage and sex education. Candidates will be asked to respond to the survey during the month of July and the results will be published online at www.CatholicVoiceNC.org.

The Knights of Columbus have consistently demonstrated through their service programs their ability to help change in a positive and constructive way, the cities and neighborhoods in which they live. As your Grand Knight, I am asking you for your 100% join this Catholic public policy initiative.

Please take time to register your commitment by logging on to www.CatholicVoiceNC.org, then appropriately respond when asked to do so by our Bishops You have a "Voice" in how our culture will respect our Catholic faith and teachings, values and morals.....let's make it heard!!

Member Survey

Supreme annually requests that K of C councils document their member volunteer hours doing good works. This helps to substantiate 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 89 members (as of 7/07) provided an estimated 17,600 hours to church, community, family, youth, and council activities. This year our 115 members should result in a substantial increase in the amount and type of voluntary service.

To obtain this key 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.

The web-based survey was e-mailed to you on July 15. As of July 29, 24 Brothers have completed this simple request. If you have not yet taken a few minutes to fill out the survey, please do so now. Copy and paste the following site on your browser:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=CqJUJz5UfyMt3pzWJ_2fhVYA_3d_3d.

This brief questionnaire is a straightforward and convenient check off, which is intended to simplify your estimation of church or service hours.

Even though your charitable or voluntary service hours may not be "specifically" a Knight's program, please consider that the essence of Knighthood is giving all sorts of charitable service. You are a Knight and thus doing the work of a Knight. Finally, note: please estimate the number of hours **only from January through June 2008.**