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St. Luke the Evangelist

Knights of Columbus,
Council 12455

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Mark your Calendars

Council Meeting. Wednesday, September 3, 7:30 PM. A pre-meeting reception begins at 6:30 PM, with food and soft drinks.

Membership Blitz. Saturday and Sunday, September 6-7. Details to be given at September Meeting.

Burger Bash – Youth Fund Raiser. Sunday, September 7.

Adopt a Highway. Saturday, September 13.

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

First Degree. Wednesday, 7:30 PM, September 24 at St. Luke's.

Blood Drive. Sunday afternoon, September 28, St. Luke's Hall.

Operation Lamb Fundraiser. Weekend of October 11 & 12, Harris Teeter, Falls of the Neuse.

3rd Exemplification. Saturday, October 18 at St. Raphael's, Council #9880

St. Luke's Parish Picnic. Sunday, October 19.

4th Degree Exemplification. Saturday, October 25, Greensboro, Embassy Suites.

Recruiting Knights

Council growth is so important. There is much to do and so few laborers. Each of us knows one or more Catholic men who are excellent prospects for Knighthood. This is the time to for you to ask a friend to join our brotherhood.

Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7, is our Membership Blitz weekend. Our goal is to invite Catholic men in our parish, who are not Knights, to join us in charitable and Christian service as Knights of Columbus.

After each mass Grand Knight Terry Whalen will make a brief presentation on the work of the K of C and invite all Catholic men to join our ranks. There will be a K of C information table and display outside the church after masses. Knights are asked to wear Council shirts and display their badges.

Our Council team will hold a First Degree exemplification on the evening of September 24, to bring new candidates into our ranks.

Burger Bash

The burger bashes for the youth groups takes place Sunday, September 7th. The Carpe Diem bash will start at 12:00 noon and Vita Nova at 4:00 pm. Knights will help with cooking using the new grill. The kids and youth would like to be able to eat about a half hour or so after they start.

Two or three Knights are needed to lend a hand with cooking for early and later barbeques. Please contact Matt Aremia (272-1297) directly if you can help and for which shift.

Member Survey

To date only 29 of our 114 members have participated in the Council's annual survey of volunteer and service hours. Supreme annually requests that each council document member hours doing good works. This substantiates K of C's tax-exempt status and tracks the extent 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.

If you have not yet taken a few minutes to fill out the survey, please copy this site your browser: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.a.spx?sm=CqJUzj5UfyMt3pzWJ_2fhVYA_3d_3d. Then click on the categories of service.

If you need a paper questionnaire to respond, contact Jim Haag (841-5817) and he will it to you.

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.**

Note from Peter

Brothers: This is my first month without my brother and sister in law, who returned to North Dakota in July. I did speak to them this last week. Carl is enjoying the 45-

degree weather -- not for me!

Thanks to all the visitors that have come to see me. I think you all impressed my two sons. One is visiting from Norway and the other dropped down from DC. The good news is that my DC son is moving to Salisbury to work with Senator Dole's reelection. Please vote Dole so that he has a job in January (political plug). I'm doing better, hope to start making to church and Knights meeting. From what I hear we are going to need a bigger room. Again thank you for all that you do for me.

Peter the Rock

Brother Knights and others are visiting Peter on a monthly rotation. It's great to see Peter at the 5:30 PM mass on Saturdays, and thanks to Frank and Debby DeMarco and Rich and Betty DiMassimo for helping Peter to get there. We need some other volunteers to assist Peter in getting to mass once every few weeks. Thanks to the 17 Brothers who visited him during the last two months. Team members visit once every three to four 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. To get in on the rotation, call Jim Haag 841-5817.

Council Meeting

Our Council meeting takes place at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, September 3. **A pre-meeting reception will start at 6:30 PM. With food and refreshments.** Meeting agenda include: Knight of the Month Awards, Recruitment Blitz, Upcoming Degree Exemplifications, Youth Burger Bash, Barbeque Project, Pancake Breakfast, Op. Lamb, Knights'

Corner, St. Luke's Blood Drive, Council Budget, Catholic Voice NC, Peter Rehab Team, All Saints Academy Fund Raisers, 9/11 Prayer, Special Olympics, and other important Council business.

Note: Bring your card and rosary.

Catholic Voice

As we approach November, it is becoming clear that voters will make a critical decision on Election Day. In particular Knights, their families and friends and all North Carolina Catholics need to let their voices be heard on issues pertaining to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, especially when they negatively impact our faith. Our voice is needed to help influence the election and to shape legislation that impacts our faith.

GK Terry Whalen wrote you a personal note asking you to engage in our Bishops' Catholic public policy initiative, www.CatholicVoiceNC.org. Catholic Voice provides us with nonpartisan information on legislative matters that intersect with Catholic teaching, values, and morality. It gives 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. Another 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.

Many Brothers have signed up with Catholic Voice. As the lead Council driving this initiative in the state we should do all possible to attain 100% participation from our members thereby setting the example. Log on to www.CatholicVoiceNC.org, and 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.

Operation Lamb

Operation LAMB is scheduled for October 11 & 12 at Harris Teeter on Falls Of Neuse at Durant Rd.

Since its inception in 1974, the Operation LAMB program of North Carolina has raised over \$15 million to assist Mentally Handicapped children of North Carolina. Each year, Knights, their families and friends stand long hours outside shopping centers. They offer free Tootsie Rolls to passers by and ask for donations to assist the mentally handicapped.

Proceeds from last fall's fundraiser were combined with other Raleigh Area Councils and gave \$48,000 to local agencies that help mentally handicapped children. This included these agencies: Tammy Lynn, Wake Enterprises, Community Partnership, ARC of Wake County, Autism Society, Frankie Lemmon School, Hilltop Home, Learning Together

Statewide, the Knights of Columbus of North Carolina raised over \$860,000. We need each Knight to volunteer for two-hour shifts during this two-weekend event. Contact Brother Larry Opanasenko (846-5066, 274-1151) for further information.