

Newsletter

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St. Luke the Evangelist

*Knights of Columbus,
Council 12455*

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Operation Lamb Fundraiser.

October 24, 25 & 26, Kroger,
Strickland and Falls of the Neuse.

**Volunteer to help mentally
handicapped children through
Operation Lamb – See Attached
Sign Up Sheet**

Election Day. Tuesday,
November 4, 2008.

Council Meeting. Wednesday,
November 5, 7:30 PM. A pre-
meeting reception begins at 6:30
PM, with food and soft drinks. At 7
PM there will be a "Good of the
Order" presentation by EB Moore.

Veterans Day Observance.

Tuesday, November 11. Tokens
of appreciation to be distributed at
all masses on prior weekend.

Pancake Breakfast. Sunday
November 16, after both masses.

Let's make this last PCB of 2008
even more successful than the
September PCB.

Charity Raffle Drawing. Sunday,
November 23, 2008.

Your Critical Vote

With local and national elections
just two weeks away, it is critical
that all Knights and, eligible
members of their families, are
registered as legal voters to
exercise their civic responsibility
and vote on November 4, 2008.

Based on USCCB (United States
Conference of Catholic Bishops)
positions, the following provides a
"foundational background" for
participating in the 2008 election:

(1) In Catholic Tradition, responsible
citizenship is a virtue, and participation
in political life is a moral obligation.

(2) The Catholic community brings
important assets to political dialogue --
a consistent moral framework-- drawn
from human reason that is illuminated
by Scripture and the teaching of the
Church.

(3) As Catholics, we should be guided
more by our moral convictions than by
our attachment to a political party or
interest group.

To quote from the Most Reverend
Joseph F. Martino, Bishop of
Scranton's recent Pastoral Letter
on Respect Life Sunday, Sunday,
October 5, 2008:

"It is the Church's role now to be a prophet
in our own country, reminding all citizens of
what our founders meant when they said
that "...all men are created equal, that they
are endowed by their Creator with certain
unalienable Rights, that among these are
Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."
The Church's teaching that all life from
conception to natural death should be
protected by law is founded on religious
belief to be sure, but it is also a profoundly
American principle founded on reason.
Whenever a society asks its citizens to
violate its own foundational principles--as
well as their moral consciences--citizens
have a right, indeed an obligation, to
refuse."

Yes, there are many issues that all
Catholic Americans need to
consider when deciding on who to
cast their vote for in the 2008
election, but perhaps Bishop
Timlin, previous Bishop of
Scranton stated the issue most
eloquently in his pastoral letter on
Respect Life Sunday in 2000:

"Abortion is the issue this year and every
year in every campaign. Catholics may not
turn away from the moral challenge that
abortion poses for those who seek to obey
God's commands. They are wrong when
they assert that abortion does not concern
them, or that it is only one of a multitude of
issues of equal importance. No, the taking
of innocent human life is so heinous, so
horribly evil, and so absolutely opposite to
the law of Almighty God that abortion must
take precedence over every other issue. I
repeat. It is the single most important issue
confronting not only Catholics, but the entire
electorate."

The Most Reverend Michael F.
Burbidge, celebrating mass on
Respect Life Sunday, noted our
civic responsibility to become
involved in the important moral
issues of our time. He said:

"We are presented with opportunities each
and every day to stand up for life in the
words we speak, by our outreach to those
in need, by the decisions we make and,
especially in this crucial time in the life of
our country, by our votes."

With an informed conscience and
knowledge of the candidates
running for elected office, and their
respective political party platforms,
exercise your civic responsibility,
your moral obligation, and vote.

(Thanks to Brother Bill Dougherty for
this article.)

Congratulations

Brothers Bill Donnelly and Jeff
Williams received the honor of 2nd
Degree at St. Michael's in Cary on
October 15. The following
Brothers received the honor of full
Knighthood in the 3rd Degree at St.
Raphael's on October 18: Bill
Donnelly, Jon Cochran, Sr., Rich

DeMarco, Joshua Lindsey and Bill Schultz. Brothers Terry Whalen, John Kupec, and Jim Haag observed the ceremony that was followed by a reception provided by the Brothers at St. Raphael's.

Operation Lamb

Operation LAMB is the State K of C's highly acclaimed fundraiser to assist Mentally Handicapped children of North Carolina. Since its inception in 1974, the Operation LAMB has raised over \$15 million statewide.

The second phase of our Council solicitation takes place October 24 through 26 at Kroger at Falls of Neuse and Strickland Rd.

Last year we raised \$5,181, which combined with other Raleigh Area Councils, gave \$48,000 to local non-profit agencies that help mentally handicapped children.

Last weekend at Harris Teeter we raised \$1,089. Coupled with other donations of \$1,500 we are now at \$2,589. This weekend at Kroger we still have 11 slots open.

If you are able please volunteer for two-hour shift so we can fully cover this venue and hopefully exceed last year's collection for intellectually handicapped persons.

See attached schedule of available hours. Contact Brother Larry Opanasenko immediately to schedule a time slot (846-5066, 274-1151) for this weekend.

If you are unable to fill a slot, consider making a tax-deductible contribution to Lamb Foundation.

Council Meeting

Council meets 7:30 PM, Wednesday, November 5. **A pre-meeting reception will start at 6:30 PM. With food and refreshments.** Meeting agenda include: Knight and Family of the Month Awards, Operation Lamb

report, Charity Raffle, Catholic Parish Outreach, Keep Christ in Christmas, Barbeque Team, and other important Council business. **Bring your card and rosary.**

Charity Raffle

Need help with high gas and food prices? Why not take a chance on a raffle ticket for the benefit of Council 12455 charitable causes.

As you know the Council supports a variety of charities including Birth Choice, Project Rachael, Project Gabriel, Relay for Life, Catholic Parish Outreach, Seminarians, Boy Scouts, miscellaneous youth programs, and educational programs. We regularly receive requests to help persons and groups in need for one reason or another. This raffle is our way to fund these worthwhile activities while keeping our Council budget balanced throughout the year.

You have a good chance to win one of 10 prizes, including two top prizes of either a \$500 gas or food coupon. Tickets cost \$10 and will be sold after all the masses.

The drawing will be held at St. Luke's at 10 AM on Sunday, November 23, 2008. We have sold about 70 tickets thus far and need to sell 200 to break even. It seems reasonable to expect that each of our 115 Knights would buy and sell one or more tickets for this worthy fundraiser. Please do so if you are able!

Member Survey

Each January 30 Supreme requires all K of C Councils to report number of volunteer hours donated to charity, Church and worthwhile causes.

We need at least 50 Brothers of our Council to complete our on line survey to effectively respond to

this requirement. To date only 34 of our 114 members have taken the time (estimated 10 minutes) to do this. If you have not yet done the survey, copy to your browser: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.a_spx?sm=CqJUZj5UfyMt3pzWJ_2fh_VYA_3d_3d. Then click on the categories of your service hours.

Peter the Rock

Knights and others are visiting Peter on a rotation each month. It's great to see Peter at the 5:30 PM mass on Saturdays. Thanks to those Brothers, friends and wives who are helping Peter get back into the flow!

Team members visit once every three to four weeks on a rotating schedule. Of course, all Brothers are encouraged to pray for Peter's rehabilitation and to call him (368-7145). To join the rotation, call Jim Haag 841-5817.

Parish Picnic

Thanks to the many Brothers who pitched in to make the annual parish picnic a great success. Our deep appreciation to Frank Sancineto, Jr. for coordinating this event and to Joe Cox, Gary Corsmeier, Bob Beasley, John Kupec, Chris Soriano and many others. We used the new barbeque pit to grill the food. This was a very special day for our St. Luke's family and thanks to all those who participated in this parish event.