

2014 Diocesan Chaplain Awards Friday

Des Moines - Fr. Larry Hoffman Council Fr. Richard E. Gubbels 15603 Ankeny

When the possibility of starting a Knight's Council at St. Luke's was initially discussed, it was assumed that this would wait until the new church was built and opened in late 2014 or early 2015. Father Larry encouraged the creation of a Knights Council much earlier because he recognized the value of having the Knights as part of the creation and development of the parish. As a result the Father Richard E. Gubbels Council #15603 received its charter on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2013 with 32 members. Since it was chartered, the Council has grown to 64 active Brother Knights.

Father Larry takes an active interest in all Knights meetings and participates in events whenever possible. For example, he has personally volunteered as part of a Habitat for Humanity team that was sponsored by Council 15603 and helped in the construction of a new home in Des Moines. He also assisted with a Council-sponsored project to remove the pews and kneelers from a church that was closing in New Hampton, Iowa. These pews will be reconditioned and will be installed in the new St. Luke's sanctuary in Ankeny.

The Iowa State Council Recognizes Father Larry Hoffman as the 2014 Des Moines Diocesan Chaplain of the Year and we are all grateful for his example in making Christ known and loved by all.