Brother Sir Knights,

As we celebrate the feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist on October 18, we are reminded of the importance of charity in our Christian lives. Saint Luke's Gospel offers us a beautiful portrait of the merciful love of Christ, especially through the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. These stories remind us that charity is more than a feeling; it is love put into action. It just threw these examples that we find our preferential option for the poor, which both the Holy Church and our magnificent Order embrace.

As Knights of Columbus, charity is the first and most fundamental of our four principles. We are called to recognize Christ in those who suffer, to serve those in need, and to offer our time and talents without expecting anything in return. Whether we are supporting a family in hardship, serving our parishes, or standing beside a brother Knight, every act of genuine charity becomes a witness to the Gospel.

May Saint Luke inspire us to imitate the compassionate heart of Jesus, allowing our faith to move us beyond words and into deeds. Let us continue to live our principle of charity with generosity, humility, and joy, so that others may encounter the love of Christ through our service.

Vivat Jesus!

In Christ,

Fr. PJ Brandimarti

Pastor

St. John the Baptist Parish, Knox County

St. Luke Church, Danville

St. Vincent de Paul Church and School, Mount Vernon