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Fraternal Report — GK Keith

This has been a building year for the Council as we set the goal of expanding the "Faith in Action" initiatives we started last year, rather than adding more programs.

We were largely successful in achieving this goal. One new program we did undertake was the Global Wheelchair Mission by helping a Brother obtain a new custom wheelchair and donating one wheelchair to the K of C program. Membership remained a key focus for the Council. New membership for our Council continues to grow similarly to last year with the expected addition of 10 new members, three of whom joined at the inaugural online exemplification in April.

Included among our new members are Father Farah from the St. Sharbel Catholic Church and a couple of his parishioners. We are working on establishing a "Round Table" for this parish while they learn

about the Knights and our service and benefits. We welcome them!

We are happy to report that based on our Council's efforts, we submitted application for the Columbian award, and have been informed that we have earned the award. We hope to again be awarded the K of C Supreme's Star Council award.

Of course, we could not prepare an annual report without speaking of the Covid-19 crisis which arose in January and has had such a tragic effect on North Carolina, the US and the world. A few of our programs were cancelled outright and some have been curtailed temporarily.

We are still learning what it means for our Council to "Leave No Neighbor Behind." Along with our Pastor, we will be evaluating parish and community service options for us to undertake during the coming months.

Mark the Dates

Council Meeting. Wednesday, 7:30 PM, July 8. There will be a pre meeting reception starting at 6:45 PM.

Council Meeting. Wednesday, 7:30 PM, August 5. There will be a pre meeting reception starting 6:45 PM.

Council Mass, Sunday August 9, 9AM.

Assumption of our Lady. Saturday, August 15.

Council Meeting. Wednesday, 7:30 PM, September 2.

There will be a pre meeting reception starting 6:45 PM.

Highway Clean up. Saturday, September 12, Meet Dave Abell at 8:30 AM in church parking area.

Corporate Mass, Sunday 9 AM, October 4. This is offered for our deceased Council Brothers. The Singing Knights will praise in song.

40 Days for Life. September 23— November 1.

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Faith Programs — Felipe Mendez, Director

RSVP: Council's three seminarians supported last year were sent \$50 per month and a personal note from different Brothers each month. All three are Knights and two are from St. Luke's parish. Brother Steve DiMassimo was ordained to the Deaconate in May 2020 (See page 6). In May 2019 our former RSVP seminarian Brother Knight Deacon Noe Ramirez was ordained to the priesthood.

HOLY HOURS: Our Parish does Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays. Also 24 hour adoration chapels are located at nearby Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Catherine's parishes. About 16 Knights and or their spouses do regular adoration hours (See related article on p.5). Some attend a specific hour each week, while others participate periodically. Also as mentioned under Family Programs below, a Brother Knight coordinated a Holy Hour service concentrating our families to the Holy Family.

ROSARY: The Holy Rosary is prayed before each of our weekend masses. A Knight, his family member or another parishioner often lead the devotion. About 15 Knights and/or spouses regularly say the rosary — joined by about 100 parishioners. There is a Family Rosary on Monday evenings.

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS: In 2019 we initiated a new Sacramental gifts program for RCIA completion, Baptism, Holy Communion, and Holy Orders.. We will add Marriage and other Sacraments as apropos in future. Knights will present gifts usually upon initial reception of particular sacraments.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: Council 12455 has sponsored weekend silent Men's Ignatian Retreat at nearby Avila Retreat Center over the last 12 years. Due to Raleigh Diocese's sale of the Avila Retreat Center in 2019, this year's planned Avila retreat for May 2020 was cancelled. Similarly a Men's Day of Recollection at St. Luke's, during late spring 2020 was put off due to the Pandemic restrictions. We plan to do a men's retreat when possible in 2020-21.

Family Programs — Tim Nichols, Director

FOOD FOR FAMILIES: Council Brothers volunteer at the Catholic Parish Outreach Food Pantry (CPO) in Raleigh. Usually ten serve one day per week while other Brothers and parishioners volunteer from time to time. Overall, Brothers donated over 1,500 volunteer hours at CPO. Annually Council 12455 also contributes \$250 to CPO. Usually, we hold two parish food drives, collecting food donations and money for CPO. However, the Pandemic led to the canceling of the spring drive. The fall 2019 drive resulted in parish donations of 1,074 pounds of food and cash contributions of \$6,294.

FAMILY OF MONTH/YEAR: At each Council business meeting, we select a Knight of the Month and Family of the Month. Certificates are presented and brief writeups are included in our Council Newsletters. These monthly awards are submitted to Supreme. As mentioned on page 9, the Pandemic impeded this program during March and April.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS: We distributed the Knights of Columbus publication *To Keep Christ in Christmas*, and we also undertook three separate projects to the focus of keeping g Christ in Christmas: 1) Selling Knights of Columbus (Squires) Christmas cards after masses for two weekends; 2) Assembly and takedown of the large Creche at the Raleigh Diocese offices. This involved about 9 Knights. 3) Using plywood, cut out, and painted to create outdoor Nativities to be sold to members of the parish for display.

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY: With full pastoral support, we initiated a fraternal *Consecration to the Holy Family* after all three Masses on the weekend after Christmas. Our pastor stressed the importance of this spiritual act in his homily. The Consecration occurred at the end of Mass. Also, a Brother Knight coordinated this spiritual exercise uniting families in prayer under the protection of the Holy Family.

Community Programs — Jim Hoyle, Director

COATS FOR KIDS: In this our second Coats for Kids program, we solicited funds from the parish and Brother Knights. Council and member donations of \$1,600 enabled us to donate 75 coats to the Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) run by the Raleigh Diocese. Five Knights joined Bishop Zarama at the donation event and the initial coat distribution. Other volunteers from the CPO distributed coats over the next few days until they were all gone.

HELPING HANDS: We have several programs designed to help people and community. These are: Homebound Visitations: Supports Brothers at home or in assisted living by personal visits or transportation to activities. Family Support: Help homeless families establish financial creditability and become self supporting. Veterans Affairs: \$1,000 donation and volunteer activity. Adopt a Highway: Clean four miles of roads quarterly. Social Outreach: Work with local organizations such as Oak City Outreach, and Raleigh Rescue Mission. Prison Ministry - Visits local prisons, focusing on building relationships and fostering inmate spirituality. Knight Riders: Assist and convey homebound persons to weekly mass.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: We solicited funds from the parish and from members of the Council. Several Brothers attended a group day build at the Catholic Coalition house in Raleigh and awarded our \$3,000 donation to Habitat. Individual members also attended other working days on the Habitat house on dates of their choosing.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: Before our Council could start implementing the new Disaster Preparedness program, North Carolina was hit with Hurricane Florence in September 2018. Thankfully, there was limited damage to Raleigh parishioner's homes. Instead of preparing for a disaster, we provided assistance to those in need. Through the K of C, Catholic Relief and CPO, several Brothers participated in the transport, handling and distribution of needed supplies to the eastern part of the state. One of our Brothers, along with a friend. spent two weeks in the coastal area providing support, demolition and clean - out (mucking) assistance to those impacted. Donations were solicited from all parishioners, but we were not able to establish the amounts from our Brothers. We are evaluating the experience from this effort and will further develop this program in the coming months.

OTHER PARISH COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Four pancake breakfasts, two dinners and two teen/adult dances with live bands and dances. Many Brothers, countless volunteer hours and a great time.

Life Programs — Jerome Savage, Director

MARCHES FOR LIFE: Brother Knights and family members attended the Life Marches —January 18th Raleigh NC and January 24th Washington DC. About 20 Brothers participated either or both of the marches. Our three RSVP seminarians joined us at the Washington march and several parishioners attended as well.

PRO LIFE ACTIVITIES: We intensely participated in the January Pro-Life month. The January 21-29 USCCB Novena was promoted in advance through the Council Newsletter, Diocese Pro-Life emails and the Parish bulletin. Collaborating with our parish we sponsored a Holy Hour for Life on January 24 and a showing of the movie "Unplanned" in the parish on January 31. Thanks to our Pro Live Director and our parish Respect Life Coordinator (wife of a Brother Knight), as they worked with Council Brothers staffing an information table at weekend Masses so as to acquaint and sign up parishioners with these pro life prayer opportunities.

OPERATION LAMB: During fall 2019, the Council held two weekend Tootsie Roll fundraising events. In total, we raised about \$5,300 for charitable distribution for people with special needs. Of this amount, \$2,000 was donated to Wake County NC Special Olympics. We participated with other Councils in distributing Operation Lamb grants to local non profit organizations helping the intellectually handicapped.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS: One of Brothers has continually championed the Special Olympics cause. Last summer about 20 of us participated in the SO at nearby Ravenscroft School. However, this year the games were cancelled because of the Pandemic. Our plans to volunteer in staffing the SO competition of handicapped boys and girls again at Ravenscroft were voided. We do look forward to Council involvement in next year's Special Olympics. As mentioned above, our Council donated \$2,000 to facilitate these games and experiences for our handicapped youth.

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Knights in Action — First Parking Lot Mass



Fr. Rob's Farewell Message to Us

I am taking a break from my packing to write a short message. Funny, I never realize how much stuff I actually have until I have to pack it up.

I was thinking of all the things we have accomplished as a council during my time as your chaplain. I do not need to list it off. You are well aware of these things because you are the ones most involved in them.

So instead of speaking about different activities and so forth, I want to speak for a moment about attitudes.

Thank you for being a great bunch of guys, genuinely great people, and fun. I believe the world will never be changed by sour attitudes. Joy spreads more joy in the world.

Our apostolic work is very important but only if we do it with the right heart. A heart centered in Jesus Christ. A heart that thinks more of others than ourselves. A heart wanting to spread the love of Jesus to those who need it most.

Nourish your hearts with prayer everyday. That's what keeps them strong.

Thank you for sharing your hearts with me. I have absolutely loved being your priest and your friend in Christ these past seven years.

With prayer for our Council, father rob

Spiritual Reflection Request

Father Rob asked if individual Brothers would be willing to offer personal reflections for posting on our parish website. Each personal reflection would be addressing a St. Luke gospel passage reflected so beautifully in our Church's stained glass windows. Our first two reflections — offered by Brothers Ken Low and Mike Benigno — are now on the St. Luke website and I welcome you to read it at www.stlukesraleigh.org.

We need a few additional Knights to complete reflections for all the windows. Please send GK Keith an email if you are willing to do this for the parish and he will send you a list of remaining window verses. Reflection can be one paragraph, one page or more. Father Rob can help you get started if you need advice or direction. For example, if you get "The Presentation," he says he may suggest you write about how you strive to make God the priority in your family. If you get the Visitation, he says he may suggest you write about a visit you made and how God was a part of that. Also, by writing, you agree to give Father Rob final editing rights.

This would be a way for the Knights to give spiritual support to the community.

Never underestimate the power of story.

State Raffle Ticket Proceeds — Jim Cuffney, FS

Thanks to Brother Bob Bagin's leadership, a record 565 State Raffle tickets were sold to Brothers, family and friends. At \$5 each, our Council received half this amount as a return from State K of C to support our Council charities.

At \$2.50 a ticket we netted \$1,413.

Thanks also to everyone who sold, purchased and helped Bob in the project. Appreciation particularly to those of you who sold tickets after masses during the final two weekends of the raffle.

The best part is this — Parishioner Doug Davis (wife Kristina, daughter Trevor)

won the State's Grand Prize of \$5,000.

The drawing took place the K of C Convention in Raleigh. and GK Keith was the first to learn that Doug won.

Congratulations to Davis Family.

Brothers, Families and Friends Appreciate Healing

We pray for/about the sufferings of those before us experiencing loss of spouse or loved one, rejection, health issues, job frustration or loss, marriage problems, homelessness, etc.

One way or another our prayers and discernments are answered.

This month we pray especially for solace and continued healing, in particular

for: Dave Abell, Bob Beasley, Dorothy Cicchetti, Theresa DeMarco (Rich's Mom), Bill Donnelly, Jo Del Donno, Luis Garcia, Mary Ellen Hill, Ashley Jack (Mike Struble's niece), Peter Kraehenbuehl, Lynne Loebach, Vicky Loebach's sister Cathy, Matt Petrovick, Letty Phillips, Al Przytulski, Lou Schultz, Barbara Schultz, Bill Schultz's grandson Luke, Don Scott, Janice Ten-

barge, Doug Wipperman, June Lefeber (Michele Wallace's Mom) and Bill Wolf.

If other Brothers, spouses and/or their families would appreciate our membership's healing prayer, please notify GK Keith Kosinski.

Adoration — Men Needed for Evening and Early Mornings

Our Lady of Lourdes and St.. Catherine of Siena Perpetual Adoration Chapels are now opened for silent adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament — adoration 24 hours, seven days a week.

Closed for several weeks during the early Pandemic, in May they were open for daytime but not evening or early morning hours. The Pandemic and related quarantine restrictions has had the side effect of reducing the number of adorers available for hourly prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Therefore, we need men and women, willing to take an hour to listen to God in prayer — we hope to have at least two individuals for each

of the 168 hours weekly. However, many of the early morning hours currently have only one adorer.

Suggestion: Pick an hour and attend adoration as a spiritual experiment at either chapel — try it out one day a week for four weeks. You will come to a discernment with respect to what God is calling you to do in you life — through this special spiritual growth experience.

Questions: Call: Jim Haag (919-841-5817)

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Brother Steve DiMassimo Ordained as Deacon



Many of us were honored and privileged to watch the live stream of the Mass of Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate Saturday morning, May 23rd at 10:00 am. Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama ordained Steve and seminarian Tyler Sparrow. We wanted to be there in person, but were not able to due to Pandemic restrictions.

We also were able to attend the 5:30 PM indoor or the Sunday 9:00 AM outdoor Masses at St. Luke's on May 23-24th. At those masses Transitional Deacon Steve assisted and gave homily for the first time. After the mass Deacon Steve greeted any and all attending, while maintaining social distancing and still being able to chat.

A live stream of Steve's first homily can be found at the St. Luke the Evangelist You Tube page (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3nofHqRJKGMf3yidxwMMOw/featured.

Fr. Michael McGivney Miracle Recognized by Pope Francis

Our Founder, Reverend Michael McGivney, moved a step closer to sainthood when Pope Francis recognized a miracle attributed to him.

The miracle involved a mother whose pregnancy was threatened by a medical condition in 2015. The family prayed to the Rev. Michael J. McGivney, the Knights of Columbus said, and the condition was healed. Pope Francis has now attributed this to Father McGivney, who died in 1890 at age 38. This clears the way for Father McGivney to be beatified, or declared "blessed," by the pope — the second-to-last step before a figure is canonized as a saint in the Roman Catholic Church. An additional miracle must be accredited to Father McGivney before he is declared a saint.

"Father McGivney has inspired generations of Catholic men to roll up their sleeves and put their faith into action," said Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight. "Today, his spirit continues to shape the extraordinary charitable work of Knights as they continue to serve those on the margins of society as he served widows and orphans in the 1880s."The child of Irish immigrants, Father McGivney was ordained in Baltimore in 1877 and served a largely Irish-American immigrant community. He was serving as a priest in Connecticut when he died of pneumonia in 1890 at the end of the so-called Russian flu pandemic.

Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, named in honor of Christopher Columbus, in 1882 to provide support and financial resources to Catholic men and families who were coping with the loss of their sole provider. There are chapters of the order in Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, the Philippines, Guam, Saipan, Japan, Cuba and Poland.

The cause for Father McGivney's sainthood was started by the Archdiocese of Hartford in Connecticut in 1997. Eleven years later, in 2008, Pope Benedict XVI declared Father McGivney a Venerable Servant of God. That designation meant that the Congregation for the Causes of Saints at the Vatican had found after a long investigation that Father McGivney lived "a life of extraordinary and heroic virtue" and was worthy of imitation by the faithful.

If Father McGivney were to be canonized, he would become the first man born in the United States ever to be elevated to sainthood. Three women born in the country have been canonized: Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton in 1975, Katharine Drexel in 2000 and Kateri Tekakwitha in 2012.

SOURCE: text adopted from an article by Sandra E. Garcia, in the New York Times, May 28, 2020.



"Unmasking Choice" Event at Wake Tech in North Carolina

Volunteering at CBR educational photo displays is not for the faint-of-heart, largely due to the persecution we face. But cold and windy weather presented another challenge on March 5, 2020, when our determined team arrived at Wake Technological Community College, Main Campus, in Raleigh, North Carolina. They set up A-frames with ten of our 3' by 4' photo signs of living babies in the first trimester, as well as aborted babies.

CBR-North Carolina staff members Bill and Jeanette Schutz led the crew of four CBR staff members and three first time, enthusiastic Knights of Columbus volunteers.

Volunteer Paul encountered a young lady who thanked him several times for being there to stand against abortion. In contrast, two apparent faculty members tried to intimidate our team, claiming we shouldn't be allowed on campus. They would not discuss our purpose, but only muttered their contempt and scurried away. This sort of professor demonstrates why we must be on U.S. college campuses to present the pro-life point of view.

Joshua Lindsey, CBR staff member, spoke with a young man who asked how old the baby was in one of our photo signs. When Mr. Lindsey told him 10 ½ weeks, the young man changed his mind and no longer supported early abortions. He also spoke with and received permission from Ana to pray with her as she shares the gospel with her peers on campus. Volunteer Rich joined in the prayer.

CBR staff member Mik'aela Raymond spoke with a biology professor from Germany and later a former student of his. One of the student's arguments was that abortion should be legal if the mother would have to suffer greatly taking care of the baby after birth, such as when the child is very sick or deformed. Miss Raymond replied that there are times when a born child suddenly becomes difficult to care for, but we don't say the child should be killed to help make the mother's life easier. CBR spends time with such students to help them see the logical fallacies.

The Schultzes received feedback from the volunteers, all of whom had a good experience and indicated

they would volunteer again. Even the students who hurried by in the blustery weather gave three-second glances at our photo signs, and seeds of truth were planted. Some stopped to dialogue with our team and many accepted our literature. A big victory is that four students signed up to attend the next CBR pro-life training class in Raleigh. CBR is helping reach and train the next generation of pro-life leaders.



Thank you for your faithful partnership with CBR.

"He gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, Yet those who wait for the Lord Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary."

ISAIAH 41:29-31

Prayer Requests

- Praise God that many "elective abortions" have been prevented in recent weeks
- That the Church will stand boldly against abortion and euthanasia
- 2020 Key States Campaign

Events

Choice Signs

March 5 Wake Technological Community College, Main Campus, Raleigh, NC

Council Elections and Program Opportunities

We encourage Brothers' participation and er Council initiatives? Are you at a point leadership in our Council's many programs. Why not suggest or lead new respect life, recruitment, advancement, youth, community, family, church or oth-

in life when you see a need for or aspire to lead a good works?

Step up and lead our Council in 2020-21

Brother Knights, are you available, interested, willing, and ready to engage?

Please contact the Grand Knight and tell him of your interests.

Newly Elected Officers 2020-21

During the May business meeting, we elected the following Brothers Knights for 2020-21 officer positions. *Note: asterisks indicate* non elected Officer positions. Officers must be Third Degree Knights. Congratulations Craig and we look forward to your leadership as our Council and Brother Knights pursue the faith family, community and life endeavors of our worthy Order.

Grand Knight	Craig O'Brian
Deputy Grand Knight	Jeffrey Spears
Chancellor	Tim Nichols
Advocate	Bob Beasley
Warden	Jim Hill
Outside Guard	Thomas Lindsey
Inside Guard	Jim Hoyle
Treasurer	Joe Jacobs
Recorder	Chris Taurence
3rd Year Trustee — 3 yr. term	Keith Kosinski
2nd Year Trustee — 2 yr. Remaining term	John Stanson
1st Year Trustee —1 yr. Remaining term	David Dubis
Financial Secretary*	Jim Cuffney
Lecturer*	Jerome Savage

Advancement to Third Degree

The new and revised degree exemplification process is simple, quick and effective. First, Second and Third Degree are conferred in one exemplification.

I observed the ceremony and found it to be meaningful, relevant and well done-all within a one hour time frame. Spouses and family members participated in the e ceremony were oriented to and explained the significance of three principles of Knighthood: Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Why has this been an element of secrecy in the past? No longer the case!

K of C Supreme's first online exemplification initiated 2,138 men to the order and a total of 7,009 Brothers were advanced to Third Degree. Four new Brothers were admitted to

Council 12455, including our RSVP Seminarian Drew Navarro, now a Third Degree. In this on line exemplification, all new members received full Knighthood in the Third Degree.

The good news is that our Council's First and Second degree Brothers will have the opportunity to advance to full Knighthood in the third degree in the presence of your wives and family.

We will have our own Council Team to do this-looking for Brothers who would like to be on our New Degree Team. We probably can do a degree this fall. All you have to do is to advise our GK Elect Craig O'Brian of your wish to do so. Completing the one hour exemplification you will receive the honor of Third Degree Knighthood.

About one third of our Council Brothers need to consider advancing to 2nd or to full Knighthood in the 3rd degree. If you are in this group, it's time to move up.

With the honor of full knighthood in the Third Degree, you become eligible to be elected to Council office and to pursue K of C offices at the State and Supreme levels. Of course you may also advance to the patriotic Forth Degree. — The degree that emphasizes service and honor to Church, Community and Country.

Knights of Month and Families of Month

February Family of the Month - Scott and Maegan Dobner

Brother Scott is a Sir Knight and has been a member for over 10 years.

For several years, Brother Scott has played a key role in our First Degree Team. We held our final First Degree on January 20th with 5 new Brothers joining our Council! Brother Scott and other team members deserve many thanks for their years of work helping with our new members.

Brother Scott and Maegan have been parishioners at St Luke's for many years and have been involved in many ministries, especially pertaining to our youth. Today, Maegan is active in several parts of parish life. She helps prepare the quarterly college care newsletter, and she and their young son, Owen, participate in the weekly Magnificat moms play group. Outside of St Luke's, Maegan also volunteers as a session leader at a local organization called Hope Reins. Other members of Brother Scott's extended family are also involved in parish life, with his sister Rebecca currently the parish youth ministry head.

As a Brother Knight, nothing is more important than helping new Brother Knights to develop, and being a strong and faithfilled example in a growing Catholic family. Thank you Brother Scott for been that great example.

February Knight of the Month — Bob Bagin

Brother Bob joined the Knights in 2016 and really got off to a fast start in our Council!

For the last two years, he has organized our critical State raffle fundraiser. It is through his leadership, that we are achieving a record result this year!

Bob is also a regular volunteer cooking and serving at our Parish community meals and events, including doing some of the non-glamorous cleanup. At our last soup supper Bob was looking for his spray cleaner for the tables and said that its "kinda my thing". Bob also shows his faith in several ways. For example, he and his wife Arlene enjoyed the last year Lenten small prayer group so much that they continued to meet throughout the year along with the Brother Kupecs.

Bob has supported our Council in many other ways which I will not list, including on the Adopt-A-Highway program. Thank you, for all you do for the Knights.

Due to Pandemic and quarantine restrictions, we were unable to meet, discuss and choose Family the Month and Knight of the Month recipients for the months of March and April.

May Family of Month — Chris and Christine Taurence

Brother Chris and his wife Christine are involved in Knights' activities and several other ministries, especially pertaining to youth. Both lead in the St. Luke Vita Nova program along with Director Rebecca Dobner. Chris, our Worthy Recorder, is a Eucharistic Minister at St. Luke 'and is on the St. Raphael School Advisory Committee. He also has recently participated in a CBR Life event at a local college. Christina is in the St. Raphael's weekly school mass ministry and our St. Luke music ministry. In February, Chris and Christina organized one of the Knights more successful St. Valentine Day dances.

Their children are also involved with daughter Charlotte currently an altar server and Anderson doing highway cleanups. The whole family has volunteered at the CPO food pantry.

As a Brother Knight, few things are more important than raising a Catholic family while still making time to serve others. Thank you, Brother Chris, for being a great example!

May Knight of the Month — Tom Savage

Brother Tom just joined the Knights but has been active in Knights sponsored events for some time, often joining with his Dad at social functions such as the last dance.

More recently, now off from college, he has assisted at Masses helping to ensure we practice proper social distancing rules with the reopening of our parish.

Thank you, Brother Tom, for all you do, and all you will do in the future, for the Knights. It is wonderful to see another son of one of our Brothers join the Council! Congratulations!

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From the Grand Knight

This is my final message to you as your Grand Knight. THANK YOU!

Our Council continues to grow and to succeed because of your hard work and faith-filled generosity in serving our church community and those in need.

These difficult times may obscure the path of love and charity that Jesus has shown us. The Knights of Columbus offer us many opportunities to heed His call. As my Brothers, I hope we will continue to work together to fulfill the Knights motto – "In service to One, in service to All."

I will always appreciate how you all helped me learn the GK role by your brotherhood and advice. Special thanks to PGK John Stanson for asking me to take this job on (despite my reservations as to my preparedness) and to the prior Grand Knights that helped us build up this wonderful Council.

Finally, my special thanks to our next Grand Knight Craig O'Brien and all the other Brothers who have agreed to fulfill the 2020 – 2021 Officer and Director positions. Best of luck to you!

I wish you all good health and happiness. Vivat Jesus!

Keith Grand Knight

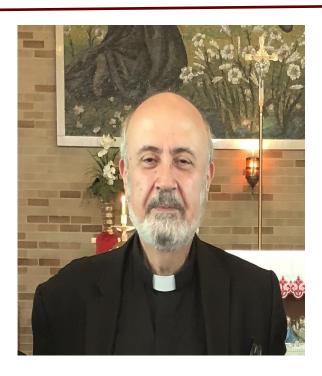
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Fr. Robert Farah, Pastor St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church



Located at 600 Mount Vernon Church Rd, about three miles from St. Luke the Evangelist, the **St. Sharbel Maronite Church** was opened about a year ago. St. Sharbel is an Eastern Catholic *sui iuris* particular church in full communion with the pope and the worldwide Catholic Church, with self-governance under the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches. It is headed by Patriarch Bechara Boutros al-Rahi since 2011, seated in Bkerke north of Beirut, Lebanon.

Officially known as the **Syriac Maronite Church of Antioch**, it is part of Syriac Christianity by liturgy and heritage.

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