



St. Luke the Evangelist Council #12455 Raleigh

Knights in Action During the Pandemic

While the pandemic has hampered our ability to meet socially and participate in many of our Council service and charitable programs, it has not altered our faith in action. This newsletter recaps our work over the past 6 months, and I think you will find that we've been very active.

Although the past year caused the cancellation of events we support, like Special Olympics and others, we've still accomplished much in the past six months. To begin, our new officers were elected and began their duties in July of last year. For the most part, our meetings have been online, however we were able to offer in-person meetings for 2-3 months last year, with an online option. We are working with the parish to try and resume these in the coming months.

Summarized here are many of the good works you have helped support over the past 6 months – while wearing masks, practicing social distancing and adhering to pandemic restrictions. Even before July, our Knights showed up early every Saturday morning to help set up for the outdoor masses. Brothers helped move Fr. Rob to his new assignment at St. Matthews in Durham, and we assisted Msgr. Jeffrey Ingham, in moving into the parish rectory.

We picked up road debris on Highway Cleanup days in September and December, staffed the Burger Bash for Vita Nova and Carpe Diem, and purchased "Coats for Kids", and helped distributed them. Once again, we had a strong Keep Christ in Christmas program with the sale of Nativity sets and Christmas cards. We also again in-

stalled and took down of the crèche at the diocese office, and organized the Consecration of the Holy Family on the last weekend of December.

In the middle of all that, we also ran a mail campaign to support Op Lamb, and through the generous support of our council and parish, we were the leading council in Wake County with over \$6k raised in donations. This allowed us to continue to meet our obligation of a \$2k donation to Special Olympics of Wake County and support other local organizations.

In the past 6 months, we also introduced two new programs. First, we started the K of C Student Essay contest, and we have a committee of Brothers helping to start the Disaster Relief program. We also developed a Council website and have an Instagram account. Please check out the content on both, noted below, and these channels should help you stay current with what is going on. More recently, we have Brothers working to plan and organize a COVID vaccination event, possibly at St. Luke's. This work is ongoing and stay tuned for future updates.

Let us not forget the many Life program and activities that have been going on still in both in-person and virtual formats. We have participated in virtual 5k to support Life, stood in witness for the protection of the unborn, helped host an outdoor movie night showing, 'Unplanned' and promoted life marches locally and in DC.

Finally, our Council was recognized by Supreme for our service to church and community. Through the hard work and

support of every Brother, the Council was presented with the Double Star and Charity plaques for 2019-20 during our Business Meeting last fall. Thank you to all the Brothers for helping us achieve this recognition.

Though restrictions may continue, even as vaccines become available, we will continue our business and programs. Although we may have to get creative and operate them differently, we will always strive to put our faith in action.

In the past year, we have been privileged to have new Brothers join our Council. Several of those are from St. Sharbel Marianite Church, and thanks to Brother Bob Beasley for leading the effort to form a Council Roundtable. Fr. Robert Farah is one of those new Brothers and read his article on page 6 where he discusses the Marionite Catholic tradition. Congratulations to all those who joined our Council in the past year, and welcome to several transfer Brothers as well.

The past 6 months has also presented a world of upsetting violence and rioting in our cities, efforts to defund police protection, political upheaval, calls to remove historic statues and religious monuments, including Christopher Columbus memorials. In this newsletter, read what now former Supreme Knight Carl Anderson had to say (p. 2) on K of C's approach and efforts with respect to this illegal and demoralizing movement. Let's pray hard for a cure and treatment of COVID, for peace in our world and protection on the most vulnerable.

Vivat Jesus, GK Craig

Follow Online and Stay Up-to-Date

Check our Council online and stay current with upcoming activities. There is a calendar posted on our site, and don't forget to follow our Council on Instagram for another way to get updates and stay current on what is happening.

Online: www.kofc12455.com

Instagram: [knights_of_columbus12455](https://www.instagram.com/knights_of_columbus12455)

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Once the target of anti-Catholic sentiment, Columbus is often slandered by those who misrepresent his legacy

by Carl Anderson, Former Supreme Knight

Driven in large part by political correctness and partisan academics and activists, it has become fashionable in recent years to criticize Christopher Columbus and the holiday named in his honor. A closer look, however, reveals the famed explorer to be a man of faith and courage, not a monster.

Many of Columbus' modern critics rely on a warped and politicized reading of history, and it is not the first time the explorer has endured such attacks. When a resurgence of anti-Catholic bigotry erupted in early 20th-century America, Columbus was a favorite target then as well.

Despite animus among some groups today, the majority of Americans view the explorer positively and with pride. In a K of C-Marist poll from December 2016, 62 percent of Americans expressed a favorable opinion of the explorer and 55 percent said they were in favor of Columbus Day, the holiday named for him. By contrast, fewer than 3 in 10 view Columbus unfavorably and only 37 percent oppose the holiday named for him.

Nonetheless, there have been political efforts to strip Columbus of honor, and the question of whether to continue to recognize Columbus Day is under review in many places. Some states and municipalities have removed the explorer's name from the holiday or eliminated the observance entirely.

A COURAGEOUS JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

Unfair attacks on Columbus, past and present, should not be allowed to obscure the truth about the man, his voyage and his motives. Born in Genoa, Italy, Columbus was a deeply Catholic explorer who was willing to go against the grain. He believed he could reach the shores of Asia by sailing a mere 3,000 miles west across the Atlantic. Such a passage would establish faster and easier trade routes than were possible through overland travel or by sailing south and east around Africa.

Scholars of his day calculated the distance to the Orient across the Atlantic at well over 7,000 miles, out of practical range for ships of the day. Those who were skeptical of the admiral's proposal did not hold that the earth was flat, as popular myth has suggested, but rather that it was much larger than Columbus believed. Despite his miscalculation, after 10 weeks Columbus did indeed find land — not the outskirts of the Orient, as he went to his grave believing, but an entirely new continent.

Later, as a nation began to coalesce out of the American colonies, its leaders recognized the admiral's legacy. "Columbia" served as an informal name for what would become the United States of America. The eventual designation of the nation's capital reflects the esteem the founders had for the Genoese explorer.

Beginning in the 1840s, waves of European immigrants swelled the ranks of Catholics in the United States, and along with that came an increasingly anti-Catholic, anti-immigrant backlash from the Protestant majority. Catholics were subject to discrimination, slander, ridicule, anti-Catholic propaganda and sometimes mob violence.

It was within this hostile climate that Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. He and the founding Knights chose as the Order's patron Christopher Columbus — one of the few Catholics considered a hero of American history. Father McGivney believed the explorer represented both Catholicism and patriotism at the very root of America's heritage, thereby symbolizing that faithful Catholics also can be solid American citizens.

A decade later, as the Order celebrated its patron on the 400th anniversary of his discovery, President Benjamin Harrison proclaimed a national Columbus holiday. He called for "expressions of gratitude to Divine Providence for the devout faith of the discoverer, and for the Divine care and guidance which has directed our history and so abundantly blessed our people."

Colorado became the first state to establish Columbus Day in 1907, and others soon followed. In 1934, with strong urging and support by the Knights, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Congress made Columbus Day a federal holiday, mandating its first annual observance on Oct. 12, 1937.

ATTACKS OLD AND NEW

As the 1992 quincentenary of Columbus' arrival in the New World approached, vocal opposition to Columbus was heard from partisan and revisionist historians and activists who were often critical of Western civilization as a whole. That year, the city of Berkeley, Calif., changed Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day, and several other municipalities have made similar moves, often explicitly as a means of dishonoring Columbus.

In response to one such initiative in Baltimore, Eugene F. Rivers III, founder and president of the Seymour Institute for Black Church and Policy Studies, published an op-ed article Dec. 2, 2016.

"To celebrate one cultural group does not require that we denigrate another," he wrote. "Rather than renaming Columbus Day, why not add another holiday, Indigenous Peoples Day, to Baltimore's calendar in honor of Native Americans?"

The 20th century ended with criticism of Columbus and Columbus Day in certain quarters, just as the early 20th century had seen similar opposition.

When the Ku Klux Klan was revived in 1915 and targeted Catholics, Jews and minority groups whom they considered a threat to the nation's "Native, White, Protestant" identity, one of their targets was Columbus.

The Klan opposed the observance of Columbus Day, trying to suppress celebrations of the holiday at the state level. Klan members published articles calling Columbus Day a "papal fraud" and even burned a cross at a Knights of Columbus observance in Pennsylvania.

Today, one can still hear echoes of anti-Catholic prejudice in the modern attacks. For some, Columbus' sponsorship by Spain and introduction of Christianity and Western culture to the lands he discovered make him immediately suspect. The new wave of anti-Columbus attacks go so far as to say that Columbus intended nothing good.

"These criticisms primarily charge Columbus with perpetrating acts of genocide, slavery, 'ecocide,' and oppression," explained Robert Royal, president of the Faith and Reason Institute and author of *1492 and All That: Political Manipulations of History* (1992).

Nonetheless, a closer examination of the record reveals a different picture. "The dominant picture holds him responsible for everything that went wrong in the New World," wrote Carol Delaney, a former professor at Stanford and Brown universities, in her book *Columbus and the Quest for Jerusalem* (2011). In her opinion, "we must consider his world and how the cultural and religious beliefs of his time colored the way he thought and acted."

In a 2012 *Columbia* interview, Delaney further explained that Columbus found the native people to be “very intelligent” and his relations with them “tended to be benign.” He gave strict instructions to the settlers to “treat the native people with respect,” though some of his men rebelled and disobeyed his orders, particularly during his long absences, Delaney added.

Columbus’ voyage made the Old and New Worlds aware of each other for the first time, eventually leading to the founding of new countries in the Western Hemisphere. Diseases inadvertently carried to the New World by the Europeans caused the greatest number of casualties by far, killing some 90 percent of native populations according to some estimates.

“There were terrible diseases that got communicated to the natives,” Delaney said, “but he can’t be blamed for that.”

A RENEWED DEFENSE

According to Royal, arguments against Columbus by modern critics often constitute a “new, contemporary form of the ‘Black Legend’” — anti-Spanish propaganda dating back to the 16th-century that stereotypes Spanish explorers as uniquely cruel and abusive.

The writings of Bartolomé de las Casas — a 16th-century Spanish Dominican priest, historian and missionary — exposing the abuse of the native peoples are often cited in an effort to impugn Columbus. But while de las Casas la-

mented the suffering of indigenous people, he also admired and respected Columbus for his “sweetness and benignity” of character, his deep faith and his accomplishments.

“He was the first to open the doors to the ocean sea, where he entered the remote lands and kingdoms which until then had not known our Savior, Jesus Christ, and his blessed name,” de las Casas wrote in his *History of the Indies*. While cognizant that Columbus was human and made mistakes, de las Casas never doubted the explorer’s good intentions, writing: “Truly, I would not dare blame the admiral’s intentions, for I knew him well and I know his intentions are good.”

According to Delaney, Columbus “fervently believed it was the duty of every Christian to try to save the souls of non-Christians,” and it was this passion that “led him on a great adventure, an encounter such as the world has never seen.”

Not surprisingly, popes since the late 19th century have praised Columbus’ mission of evangelization. Pope John Paul II, while celebrating Mass at a Columbus monument in the Dominican Republic near the 1992 quincentenary, said the cross shaped memorial “means to symbolize the cross of Christ planted in this land in 1492.”

In a speech to the young people of Genoa in May, Pope Francis talked about how a disciple of Christ needs the “virtue of a navigator,” and he pointed to the example of Columbus who faced “a great challenge” and showed

“courage,” a trait he indicated was essential to becoming a “good missionary.”

As it did a century ago, the Order is defending Columbus today. When Colorado lawmakers weighed a bill to repeal Columbus Day as a state holiday earlier this year, the Knights of Columbus helped lead the opposition. Recalling the Klan’s earlier efforts to oppose Columbus Day, the K of C noted that the measure was not a progressive step but rather “regressive as it takes us back to what the Klan outlined in the 1920s in order to promote ethnic and religious resentment.”

The Knights of Columbus has defended its patron from unfair attacks, urging that he continue to receive official recognition as a man of faith and bravery. Columbus represents the kind of heroic courage and religious faith that inspired the establishment of the United States. Although he surely holds special meaning for Catholics and for Italian Americans, Columbus is a figure all citizens of the New World can celebrate.

For this reason, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said in his annual report this year, “We will continue to defend the truth about Columbus and Columbus Day.”

*The above article, **Supreme Knight Defends Christopher Columbus Against Scapegoating**, is reprinted from remarks made by Carl Anderson during the 138th K of C Convention and sent to Councils from Supreme as a Fraternal Reader Advisory.*

Courage and Conviction

The True Story of Christopher Columbus is a thorough examination of the life and legacy of the fearless explorer. Produced by the Knights of Columbus and narrated by actor Chazz Palminteri, this film provides insight into Christopher Columbus’ remarkable genius as a sea navigator as well as his deep desire to bring all nations to Christ.

If you missed the premiere on EWTN, you can now watch this documentary at KofC.org/Columbus and on the K of C YouTube channel. “*Courage and Conviction*” shows why Christopher Columbus remains not only a man worthy of admiration, but a noble icon of what it means to be a Catholic and an American. Continue to stand together in our faith and as Catholic men. Pray for our country and for peace in our world.

Knight Riders

Do you want an opportunity to serve our fellow parishioners that requires *minimal effort* and *minimal time commitment*, yet is very rewarding and much appreciated? St. Luke’s **Knight Riders** provide rides to and from Sunday Mass for parishioners who cannot drive themselves to church, due to either permanent or temporary limitations. As a Knight Rider, you can choose either to be one of our team of regular drivers (each assigned to drive about once a month), or a substitute/temporary driver who is will only be called upon once in a while for a temporary need. The only qualifications are a driver’s license and a caring heart! The current team of Knight Riders will tell you that they have developed wonderful relationships with our ongoing rider Eileen, and the benefits of being her ‘chauffeurs’ far outweigh the little bit of time they spend in service. (Check out their—and her—smiling faces in the photo of our birthday celebration we had for Eileen at Milton’s in August 2019)

Call or email Tom Lindsey to be added to the Knight Rider team! 919-649-6778; zaysdad@yahoo.com



Family Program — Tim Nichols

Brother Knights again handled the grills at the September 13th Burger Bash — the annual parish “Kick Off” of Carpe Diem and Vita Nova youth programs.

This year we sold a record number of “Keep Christ in Christmas” cards in the Lower Gathering Space, weekends of November 15-16 and 21-22. Thanks to Brother Keith Kosinski for creating a flyer to advertise and for doing sales resulting

in a \$1K net profit for Council Charities.

On December 5, Chris Mitta and Brothers Dave Abell, Bob Bagin, Jim Cuffney, Jim Hoyle, and Craig O’Brien set up the Christmas Stable Scene at the Diocesan Center.

Again this year Bob Beasley directed the patterning and painting of 10 white Nativity Scenes for front of house or yard dis-

play. We sold them at \$ 90 — basically cost. Thanks also to Brothers Chris Tau-rence, Charles Butler, Tim Nichols, Jim Hoyle, Keith Kosinski, and Dave Abell who participated in this project.

One of our Nativity Scenes was displayed in front of our roundtable participating St. Sharbel Marianite Church on Mt. Vernon Church Rd,

Faith Program

What to do to serve Our Lord in this time of Pandemic?

Here’s some ideas: (1) Rosary each day in a quiet space in your house. (2) Lead Rosary one half hour before weekend masses; call me if you can lead. (3) Attend adora-

tion at St. Luke’s on Fridays 9 AM or at a time throughout the day. Benediction at 4 PM. Start out with a half hour commitment. (4) Stop by to adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during any day 24/7 at our Lady of Lourdes’ and/or the St. Cathe-

rine of Siena’s adoration chapels. (5) Consider visiting/calling a friend or a person who is homebound or needs some encouragement. (6) Listen to Divine Mercy Radio 540 AM. Make a Christmas contribution to support this ministry.

Community Program — Jim Hoyle

This past winter, we provided 73 coats for children of needy families. Several Brothers volunteered to distribute them at CPO.

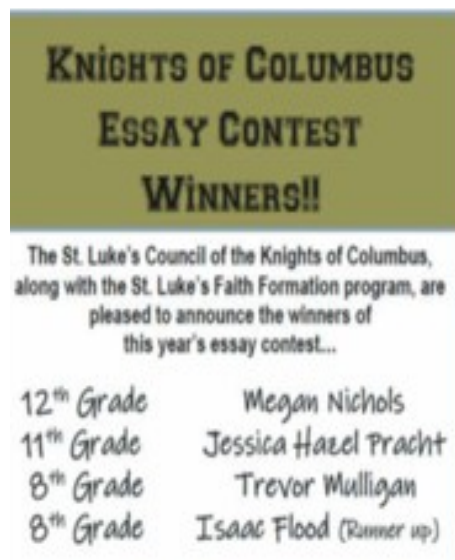
We began two new Community Programs: The K of C Student Essay Contest and a Disaster Preparedness Team.

We worked with the Director of Youth to promote the essay contest and awarded winners in grades 8-12. The topic for the essay was, “**How trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it.**”

Thanks to Jim Rispolli for organizing and David Abell, Rick Beebe, Betty Di Massimo, Rebecca Dobner, Jim Haag, and Keith Kosinski for judging the essays.

Be on the lookout for a call from our Disaster Preparedness effort. We are inventorying Brothers’ skills and talents to assist when needs occur during a disaster. The team is focused on planning and making

sure that we are organized to respond when disaster and need occurs. (See p. 7 following)



We continue to do the Knight Riders transporting of parishioners to and from mass. (see p. 3 above) Thanks to the Brothers who drive: Tom Lindsey, Orfeo Cicchetti, John Kupec, Ron Phillips and Don Reece.

It is now possible to visit Brother Peter Kraehenbuehl who has been isolated and confined in room at Crescent Green Assisted Living in Carrboro — for the last year due to the Pandemic protocols. Visitors can stand by the front waiting room window and actually see Peter through the screen or window. With weather cooperating, the visit would be very nice, and comfortable. He sits in his chair, takes off his mask and really enjoys visual interaction. See p.5 following

Finally, Thanks to Dave Abell and Brothers who participated in the quarterly highway clean up. The next one is scheduled for March 13th.

Life Program — Jerome Savage

Our Life programs have been active also with multiple events organized in partnership between our Life Director, Jerome Savage and the parish Respect Life coordinator, Diane Masinick. Last fall, there was an outdoor movie night to show the film, Unplanned. We also participated in the 40 days of Life and were a sponsor of the 26th Annual Run for Life which benefited Birth Choice. We even had a team entered that participated in the virtual 5k run. The very important marches and life chain events last fall and in January

have been a great way for us to stand up for the protection of life and the unborn. There is more going on now with a 40 days of Life which began on Ash Wednesday 2021 and runs to March 28th

Although our traditional Operation Lamb efforts were interrupted by COVID, that did not stop our Council from raising over \$6,000 for the care and treatment of mentally handicapped individuals. This year in lieu of weekends at Walmart soliciting donations and

handing out Tootsie Rolls, we organized a mail campaign.

Thanks to the efforts of our Op Lamb director, Jim Hill, we were able to execute an alternative plan and raise enough through contributions. We will again make our \$2,000 donation to the Special Olympics of Wake County as part of the Op Lamb campaign.

Thanks to all parishioners and Knights who contributed.

Council Receives Awards — Keith We Appreciate You!



PGK Keith, thanks for your leadership in the 2018-2020. This was a time of new directions and change, Supremes' Faith in Action initiative channeled many traditional Knights volunteer and charitable activities to a new faith, family, community and life format. GK Keith took this program model and, with the help and collaboration of our Council Brothers, brought it to fruition, implementing new thinking, articulating clear objectives and documenting Council activities — old and new — into the Faith in Action framework. Also this year, Supreme adopted a new and simplified initiation and advancement process, that makes it easier to join and to advance in Knighthood. Unfortunately, these efforts have been curtailed by the Pandemic, but, no doubt, they will have a positive effect on Knighthood in the future. Keith, thanks for your continued involvement and support of our Council 12455 program and charitable activities.



Passing of Rollin Oliver Glaser — Dance Empresario

Rollin Glaser, died July 1. Obituary: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/raleigh-nc/rollin-glaser-9247684>

Rollin was a long time friend and supporter of SL's and our Council over the years. As maestro of the Tune Swingers (TS) he presented our first big band charity fund raiser in

November 2009. Since then, we have had his TS or his High Society orchestras perform usually two dance fund raisers yearly, in the fall and spring. About 20 such events, including this year's My Funny Valentine Party — raised thousands of dollars for our K of C Council programs and charities.

A wonderful musician and friend to many of us, Rollin was so easy to work with and always was willing and eager to help our Council's Program. While not Catholic, he occasionally remarked that St. Luke's was his "second church." Rollin, Rest in Peace

Prayers are Needed and Appreciated

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

Particularly offer prayers for the families who have lost beloved members during 2020: Orfeo's Mom, Dorothy Cicchetti; for repose of the soul of Rollin Glaser, John and Sibyl Kupec's son Tim, and, in 2021, our prayers and condolences to Tom and Ma Phan for the loss of Ma's father for Peter Nguyen Nam.

Pray for continued healing, in particular for: Grace Benigno's nephew and cousin, Jo Del Donno, Bill and Anne Donnelly and their infant grandsons, Luis Garcia, Mary Ellen Hill, Ashley Jack (Mike Struble's niece), Vicki Loebach's sister and Lynn Loebach, Peter Krahenbuehl, Mike Struble's niece, Michele Wallace's parents, Joe Rothengast Jr., Bill and Janette Schultz, and Schultz family members, Don Scott, and Bill Wolf.

There are certainly other difficult situations, tribulations and problems that Brother

Knights are experiencing. Although we do not know about these sufferings, remember to pray generally for these, as well.

If other Brothers, spouses and /or their families would welcome our membership's healing prayer, please notify GK Craig O'Brien.

St. Raphael the Archangel is the Angel of the Sick and the "Medicine of God."

Pray for St Raphael's intercession.

Peter Visitation

Please remember Brother Sir Knight Peter Krahenbuehl and give him a call or drop by to see him in person. His number is 919-368-7145. If you can visit him, call him first and then Crescent Green to arrange to have him come up front in the guest area. Crescent Green in Carrboro, 624 Jones Ferry Rd. 919-933-9570.

Maronite Catholic Church— Pastor Robert Farah

The founding of the Maronite Church is due to three historical events: the life and deeds of St. Maron, the establishment of the Monastery of Bet Maroun ("the House of Maron"), and the organization of the Maronite Patriarchate. The hermit and ascetic St. Maron gave the Maronite Church not only its name, but also its soul and inspiration. The monks of the Monastery of Bet Maroun and the laity who gathered around them constituted the community of faith which was to develop its own Christian and Syriac identity. Constituting itself as a Patriarchate defined the Maronite church's juridical structure as a viable and particular church among the other churches of the universal Catholic church.

Saint Maron

Maron decided to leave the world and to seek solitude on top of a mountain, probably somewhere south of Cyrrhus and northwest of Aleppo. Our principal historical source on the life of Maron is Theodoret, Bishop of Cyrrhus (393-466), who wrote the Religious History of Syriac Asceticism. Theodoret tells us that the mountain Maron chose had been sacred to pagans. He converted a pagan temple that he found there into a church which he dedicated to the "true God".

Maron lived an austere life. While he erected a small tent for shelter, he rarely used it and spent most of his time in the open air as a form of mortification. Maron became known for the gift of miracles and attracted many people, even from great distances. He accomplished many cures and exorcisms. Theodoret goes on to say: "He cured not only infirmities of the body, but applied suitable treatment to soul as well." Maron attracted a number of disciples for whom he became a spiritual father.

The Disciples of St. Maron

"St. Maron emerges from the Religious History as the first influential hermit of the region of Cyrrhus. His pattern of life in the open air, exposed to the extremes of the climate, was imitated by many . . . and gave the asceticism of Cyrrhestica a distinctive character, for elsewhere hermits normally lived in cells or caves. What is remarkable about St. Maron is that his main goal in life was not to become famous, but to serve his God in total detachment from the world. Yet while being separated from the world, he served the people of this world, who came to him in search of spiritual and physical healing. His eye and his heart were set on God and union with Him in the future kingdom. Yet by being totally faithful to God's will, this humble hermit has also achieved worldly immortality through the Church which bears his name. In fact, the Maronite Church is the only church in Catholicism which bears the name of a person.

The region in which the Maronites lived was the crossroads of many cultures and beliefs. It was the arena for rich, but also controversial theological speculation. In the fifth century much debate took place regarding how the divine and human natures of Christ were to be taught. No good Christian doubted that Christ was both divine and human, but there was disagreement in explaining how the two realities related to each other. Some tried to say that the divine and human in Christ were two independent persons who worked together. This teaching, known as Nestorianism, was condemned by the Ecumenical Council of Ephesus in 431, because the bishops reasoned if God had not truly united Himself to our humanity, then we have not been redeemed. The Christians of Persia persisted in the Nestorian teaching and separated themselves from the universal Church.

Others took the opposite approach, teaching that there was only one nature in Christ, that the divine completely absorbed the human. This teaching, known as Monophysitism, was condemned by the Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon (a town near Constantinople) in 451. The Council taught that Christ was fully divine and fully human but one in person. Many Christians of Egypt (Copts) and Ethiopia persisted in the Monophysite teaching, as did many Christians of the church of Antioch, who were referred to as Jacobites (named after their founder, Jacob Baradaï).

The Maronites (as well as the Melkites) were staunch defenders of the Council of Chalcedon. The monks of St. Maron took the lead in preaching the true doctrine and stopping the propagation of heresy. The monks describe their activity in a memorandum sent by the priest Alexander, who was head of the Monastery to the Bishops of the region. This memorandum was inserted in the acts of the Fifth Ecumenical Council of Constantinople in 553.

The Formation of the Maronite Patriarchate

The Moslem conquests of the seventh century had a profound effect on the church of Antioch and the region in which the Monastery of St. Maron was located. Maronite immigration to Lebanon, which had begun some time before, was intensified, especially since the enemies of the Maronites sided with the Moslem armies against the Maronites. The Patriarchs of Antioch were also under siege. After the death of Patriarch Anastasius (around 609), only titular patriarchs of Antioch were named and they resided not at Antioch but at Constantinople. Having been physically vacant since 685, the Patriarchate became juridically vacant in 702, and no one was named as a successor. It was during this time that John Maron, a Maronite Bishop became Patriarch of Antioch and established himself in Lebanon.

Fr. Rob to St. Matthews, Msgr. Ingham to St Luke's



Disaster Preparedness

Our new Disaster Preparedness Committee includes Jim Rispoli, John D'Amelo, and John Puhak. Three initial focuses are noted: 1) Protecting church facilities and congregations and assessing vulnerabilities; 2) Responding to unanticipated emergency situations and disastrous events at home and in vehicles; and 3) Developing response capabilities to emergency situations that could occur in church or in the home. The committee plans to identify and assess available talents and capabilities that our Brothers may have to bring to bear in unexpected and emergency situations. Ideas and talents among our ranks need to be identified and inventoried, and approaches to this will be explored at future officer and Council meetings.

Fantasy Football

The Knights of Columbus fantasy football league finished up its 12th season. The league has contributed over \$1,200 to Operation Lamb. The league is run with the intent to raise money for Operation Lamb, while having a little fun. We have a 12 man league with each player contributing \$15 with the winner getting \$80 and Op Lamb getting \$100. We have a few openings. If interested email Tom Lindsey at zaysdad@yahoo.com.

Brother Steve Celebrates 100 Years — John Stanson

Brother Steve Sedlak, celebrated his 100th birthday on August 13. He and his wife, Mary Lou, live in the Atria Senior Living community on Durant Road. Prior to COVID-19, they could be seen at weekday and Sunday masses accompanied by Betsy (Steve’s and Mary Lou’s Daughter) and Bob Higgins (their son in law).

First Lt. Steve served in the US Army July 22, 1944 to Oct 24 1945. With the 465th Bomb Group, he flew 22 combat missions in the Mediterranean Theater. In addition to his duties as a navigator he served as an aerial gunner and bombardier . He was based in Venosa Italy and flew on the B24 . His combat missions were mainly against oil refineries in Romania.

His service awards included: European Theater of Operations Ribbon, 5 Bronze Service Stars, and Oak Leaf Cluster.

We honored his centennial and his military service to our country by a ride by with Steve and Mary Lou seated on the front entrance way to Atria Oakridge.

The ride was organized by the Patriot Guard Riders of NC. The 20 to 30 motorcyclists staged up at 10:30 am Saturday August 15 at the Advance Auto Parts located on Durant Rd.



They commenced an impressive “Ride By Salute” to Steve with several of us in cars following suit — driving by the covered porch entrance to Atria.

Steve, Mary Lou, Bob and Betsy Higgins and Betsy’s’ brothers and sisters also were there in attendance, waving back to us and appreciating this special honoring of their dad on this wonderful occasion.

Steve’s birthday also was featured on ABC local news.



Knights and Families of the Month— July through February

Knights of the Month

- July - Fr. Rob
- Aug - Bob Beasley
- Sep - Steve Sedlak
- Oct - Jim Rispolli
- Nov - Jim Hoyle
- Dec - Jim Cuffney

- Jan - Jim Hill

- Feb - Tom McVay

Families of the Month

- Jul - Don & Marilyn Struckmeyer
- Aug - Jerome & Missy Savage
- Sep - Rick & Joan Beebe
- Oct - Tim & Stacy Nichols

- Nov - Jim & Terri Haag

- Dec - Salah & Patti Karam

- Jan - Bill & Jeanette Schultz

- Feb - Ken & Gayle Low

**Brothers, Spouses & Families:
Thanks to you and for your
dedication to St. Luke’s
Church and Council 12455.**

From the Grand Knight



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VIVAT JESU

Brothers,

Lenten season is here, and it offers us a time to correct our bad habits and make ourselves a little bit more in Christ's image. It is also a time for sacrifice, and most of us will have given something up for Lent. Sacrificing is a great way to grow in our faith, and in contrast, I think Lent offers a time to do more to help us on that journey. We can increase our time in prayer, faithfully attend weekly Mass and Stations of the Cross (in person or virtual), or we can get involved with one of our Knights programs or a parish ministry.

Lent offers a time of reflection, and as I reflect on the past 6-8 months, I want to say thank you to all who have contributed to the works of our council through offering your time, talent, contributions and prayers. I hope this newsletter impresses upon you the great works you have accomplished as examples of our faith in action. I am extremely proud that, in the midst of the pandemic, we were able to launch two new programs (Student Essay Contest and Disaster Relief) and also develop our council website. We've had brothers step in and take on these programs and responsibilities, and if you're not currently active within the council, reach out to me or any of our officers. We'd love to discuss your interest and see if an opportunity exists within the Knight's programs that align with your talents.

I think you will find that getting involved will be rewarding in many ways, and whatever your goals are for Lent, may God bless your journey and your growth in the Catholic faith. Wishing you and your family a blessed Lenten season. Vivat Jesus, Craig

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