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## Saint Francis Says "Farewell"



Pastor Steve Patti

### Fr Jim Sabak

After 33 years of care under Franciscan Friars, we have to say farewell at the end of August 2020. Jim, Steve and Steve have made their mark on St Francis in their time with us leaving with a piece of each of our hearts. We send them off with all our prayers, knowing that their added reflection at our meetings have added a whole new dimension to our monthly meetings. These gentlemen have each touched our lives in special ways and will be fortunate to have Father Jim on occasion after his new assignment to the Dioceses of Raleigh. Below is Steve Kluges farewell message to our Knights:

### Fr Steve Kluge

The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi  
*Welcomes*



Monsignor Michael Clay

& Reverend Jairo Maldonado

Dear Brother Knights,

As I take my leave of you as your spiritual assistant, instead of my usual talk, table discussion followed by large group sharing, I thought I might take this time to offer you a bit of encouragement as found in the Testaments of Francis and Clare.

Upon reading these beautiful works I am struck by the fact that for both Clare and Francis, they were keenly aware of and grateful for their vocation which found its' source in God. Indeed, Francis understands that he was called while "in sin" and Clare realizes that this vocation to live penance is "received daily from [her] benefactor, the

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As Knights of Columbus, you too have been called from something, to something greater. I won't say that we lived our lives sinfully, but if formation and profession shows me anything it is that we are called to live life with a bit more intentionality, and with a bit more depth. As Franciscans we must remember that the world was and is created "very good". The pursuit of wealth is necessary, however, we must remember that wealth, and all that comes with it, cannot be the ultimate motivation for how we live our lives. We must begin to live from our depths; that place in our souls in which Christ dwells within all of us, and yearn for the eternal and everlasting wealth that only Christ can be for us.

With the incarnation of the Word of God, I suppose the Father could have begun anew, with creating for Christ a whole new human nature. But the Father didn't. Instead, Christ takes on our own weakened human nature, albeit without sin, and recreates/restores us from within. And if we are restored it is so that the whole "groaning creation" might wait in hope for its restoration. We, human beings, are the condition for the possibility that God could become part of His creation from the inside. It is only human persons that have the capacity to hear and receive the invitation to participate in the divine life by giving God human flesh and human nature. As Franciscans, we understand that the Virgin Mary played a unique role in the giving of human flesh and human nature so that the Word of God could become incarnate. Her role was unique but not solitary. As St. Bonaventure reminds us we are all called to give Christ flesh and bring Christ to birth in every age through our imitation of Him. It is the living in imitation of Christ that is the Franciscan definition of penance.

Penance then is marked by the virtues of poverty: not necessarily material, but existentially. Our lives are not our own, but God's. We live not for simply for ourselves alone, but for others, particularly the poor and the marginalized. After all Francis writes that it was the Lord who LED him to the lepers first, rather than to the healthy and well off.

Our talents, and indeed all that is good, is given to us from God, for the common good of the Church and the world. And this is lived first of all in our families, and most especially in and through the Fraternity. "And the Lord gave me brothers" Francis writes. And though I like to think that there was a "dammit" that followed, Clare reminds us that she saw the increase of her sisters "a mercy and grace".

Fraternity, like family, demands hard work. And to be honest I have sometimes said "dammit" concerning the people that Christ has put in my life. But when I am at my best, and take the time to reflect on the sometimes difficult relationships the Lord has blessed me with, I can see mercy and grace. We are not called to live life alone. We are created to be social. We are created in the image and likeness of God Who Is in God's Very Self Relationship. I encourage you to see each other as gift, not as threat, and to BE the mercy and grace of God to each other. And then find within you, the holy courage and divine mercy, to reach out to others, in or without the fraternity, who may, in some way, be different. As St. Clare writes, "Loving one another with the charity of Christ, let the love you have in your hearts be shown outwardly in your deeds...".

Finally, persevere. As Clare writes, "May you hold what you always hold. May you do what you always do and never abandon." We are called to hold on to, to be crucified to Christ. However, we need to remember that it is Christ who has first grasped onto us. And though at times we might let go Christ will never let go of us. So to with our relationship to each other. Never abandon your sisters and brothers in fraternity. Never despair of the world no matter how terrible or terrifying the news. Christ has us, now and always: we are never alone. With the resurrection and ascension of Christ, humanity, and by extension, creation itself is now part of the God-head, and this was the Father's plan all along.

Francis writes, "the Lord showed me what to do, may the Lord show you". The good news is that we are not called to be Francis nor Clare. God calls us to be ourselves, and to give Christ permission to live through us in our own unique way. As Francis wrote to Brother Leo, "In whatever way it seems best to you to please the Lord God and to follow His footprints and His poverty, do this with the blessing of God."

And let the gathered church give a resounding Amen.

# ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY GOING ON 20 YEARS



We are about to kick off our 20th year of highway clean-up. A small group of volunteers answer to the call of John Dziadul each quarter on Saturday morning for a quiet walk along Leesville Rd. to keep up appearances in our neighborhood. Before John, Brian Denison, was preceded by John Moster as lead. The whole route from the Durham border to the highway 540 overpass takes about an hour to complete. Especially on days when the Wagner Family numbering about 5-6 double the number of walkers. Donuts have been the traditional bribery that draws the groups out and traditionally we are by a group of Knights brothers that just enjoy spending time together. Below is the message of call to arms posted by John to gather the troops and get the job done.

Brothers,

I wanted to share the attached photo with you. I was able to update our 15 years of Adopt A Highway service decal on both the Durham Line and Norwood Road signs. In 2021 we will be receiving our 20 years of service decal from NCDOT. This not only represents years of community service but more importantly the removal of hundreds of bags of litter from our section on Leesville Road.

Please join me on Saturday September 12th for our Fall Adopt A Highway Trash Pick Up. Please use the sign up link below.

Thank you,  
Brother John Dziadul

**Volunteers are unhindered by a light rain, take a break after the walk to enjoy coffee and donuts and a fraternal moment with other brother Knights.**

## [North Carolina - Adopt-A-Highway](#)

The cost for NCDOT to keep these roads litter-free tops \$16 million annually. To help offset these costs the NCDOT and AAHLRSA are offering 1-mile segments for sponsorship through the **Sponsor-A-Highway Program**. For your sponsorship, you receive an acknowledgement sign along one of **NC State roads**.

# Brothers Vincent Pribish and Louis Coker have passed on to our eternal Father



April 29, 1946 — July 13, 2020  
CREEDMOOR — Louis Harley Coker, 74, died July 13, 2020, at his home.

He was born in Charleston, South Carolina, on April 29, 1946, son of the late Robert Lebbey Coker Sr. and Elizabeth Harley Coker.

Louis grew up in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, where he attended Moultrie High School. He went on to Methodist University where he earned a B.S. in business administration and economics in 1968.

Louis married Mary Alice Rogers on July 5, 1969. Together they raised two wonderful children, Elliott and Alison. At the time of his death, Louis was employed as a controller for Gilmore Global in Morrisville. He worked there for more than 20 years.

He was a huge Carolina Hurricanes fan, and he very much enjoyed taking university courses in the Catholic faith and reading. He was an active member of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish, including being a member of the RCIA team and a Journeyman. Additionally, he was an active member of the Padre Pio Fraternity of the National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order and a Lecturer for the Knights of Columbus (council 9709).

Louis was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Mary Alice. He is survived by his son, Elliott (Meagan) Coker of Louisburg; daughter, Alison (Mark) Hughes of Creedmoor; eight grandchildren.

Taken from The Butner-Creedmoor News



Vincent Robert Pribish, died August 28, 2020, just 22 days from turning 100, at his home in Raleigh, NC with two of his daughters and his wife at his side. He was born September 19, 1920 to Anna (Kruckofsky) and John Pribish in Poughkeepsie, NY, both immigrants from Czechoslovakia.

He lived in New York for 55 years, Maine for 40 years and Raleigh, NC for his last 5 years. He led an incredibly varied life from a religious Marist Brother, John Ignatius, a nuclear physicist at Brookhaven National Lab, a science and math teacher, a college professor, an architect, a builder, an entrepreneur, and an inventor with several patents.

Vincent was a dedicated, loving husband and father of seven. He married Nora J. McNally in 1953 had two daughters. Nora died suddenly on January 4, 1968. He then married Dorothy A. Caggiano in 1973 and had five more children. Religion was the center of his life, he was a 4th degree Knight of Columbus, at Most Holy Trinity Church in Saco, ME. He transferred his membership to Council 9709 at St Francis after his move to Raleigh. He had been a member of the KofC for about 60 years. Vincent was the head of the RCIA, a Eucharistic Minister, and served in other capacities. He enjoyed boating, fishing, photography, card playing and traveling.

This devoted, hard working, generous and kind gentleman, with a quick wit, will be missed, but cherished forever by his wife, Dorothy and children: Diane (Jubal) Ackerson, Donna (Pete) Porter, Vincent E. Pribish, Margaret (Mike) Hutten, Robert (Jennifer) Pribish, Chris (Alli) Pribish, Maryellen (Trevor) Kelly; and his nine grandchildren.

Taken from Renaissance Funeral Home Obituary

## Saint Francis 7th Blood Drive



-Grand Knight Kozak goes through great lengths to assure his blood donors can get in the door following recent storm that had fallen several trees in the area.

Our Council, in conjunction with the Red Cross, hosted another Blood Drive at St. Francis on Saturday, September 26. On the day before, considerable damage occurred on St. Francis campus due to a heavy hail storm. This problem, along with a temporary loss of power, did not deter 123 parishioners from donating 144 units of blood. The Saturday drive was the 7th our Council hosted this year which took the unit total to over 750. Because of this year's extreme need for blood, we are happy to help the Red Cross meet their objective.

## RALEIGH POLICE APPRECIATION LUNCH



Brother Knights deliver food and drinks to Raleigh Police NW District in appreciation of their work for our community.

To continue with the Council's annual 1st Responders Tribute, we decided to visit the Raleigh Police NW District with a lunch for the entire office. Since we could not have our usual annual Tribute in Clare Hall because of Covid restrictions, and because of our desire to continue to show our support during these difficult times, we chose to go to their workplace. Captain Kingsbury, Sergeant Piscitelli and many other Officers asked us to extend a "BIG THANK YOU" to the Council. Over the next few weeks we will continue the luncheon visits to several Fire Stations and the Sheriff's Office.

## From the Grand Knight:

Brothers,

Here we are six months since COVID changed nearly every aspect of our lives and 3 months since we started our fraternal year. I continue to pray that each of you and your families remain safe and healthy until a permanent solution exists. This is a time where we must remember the church where we used to gather is only one part of what makes us a Church. The living Church begins with us and our family and it is our job as catholic gentleman to keep that fire lit and burning. The council remains quite active with our brothers supporting numerous initiatives to include liturgical support, food and essential needs drives, blood drives, and coming up, "Francis Bless" as we give thanks to and honor our patron saint. We will continue to await guidance from the parish and our new pastor Monsignor Clay for direction as to when and how we can resume meeting face-to-face as brothers. As the holidays approach I give each of you the warmest of reminders, cherish family and the memories you make, keep Christ the center of Christmas and all of your days. Finally, continually ask from our patroness and mother continued blessings on our Church, our council, our families, our brothers and indeed the safety and welfare of the whole world. Peace and all good Blessings,

*Bryan Kozak*



### FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . ELECTED OFFICERS

**GRAND KNIGHT** - The Grand Knight is responsible for the welfare of the Council. He presides over Council meetings, acts as an ex-officio member of all Committees, appoints the Membership and Programming Directors, convenes officers for a monthly meeting and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the State and Supreme Councils. The Grand Knight's signature appears on all checks drawn.

**DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT** - The Deputy Grand Knight assists the Grand Knight with Council affairs and fulfills all the duties assigned him by the Grand Knight. Should the Grand Knight be absent from a Council meeting, the Deputy Grand Knight will preside. He is also Chairman of the Council's Retention Committee.

**CHANCELLOR** - The Chancellor assists the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the Council in both their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members' interests in Council activities and is also Chairman of the Admissions Committee.

**WARDEN** - The Warden is the "watchdog" for Council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Recorder. He is responsible for setting up the Council Chambers for meetings and ceremonial work and appoints and supervises guards during ceremonial exemplifications.

**TREASURER** - The Treasurer is responsible for the safekeeping and maintaining of records of all Council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the Council's accounts and provides certificates of such monies to the Grand Knight. He is also responsible of payment of all expenses.

**RECORDER** - The Recorder is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the Council and its correspondence.

**ADVOCATE** - The Advocate is the legal representative of the Council and serves as the Council's attorney at trials and investigations of interest to the Council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the Council By Laws, Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting and Robert's Rules of Order.

**INSIDE AND OUTSIDE GUARDS** - The Outside Guard tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the Inside Guard checks to make sure that membership cards are current.

**TRUSTEES** - The Board of Trustees consists of three members elected by the Council and the Grand Knight, who serves as Chairman. They oversee the work of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer, and with the Deputy Grand Knight, serve on the Council's Retention Committee. Only the three-year Trustee is voted, with the others continuing their terms.

# 321 COFFEE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT



**DGK Steve Becker**

In July, Brother Joe Czejkowski was chatting with DGK Steve Becker and one of the things he brought up was a project he was going to be doing to help build a 12x12 wall with windows and doors for 321 Coffee, where his daughter Megan works as a Barista. 321 Coffee is a small business where most of the employees that are hired have Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). It was a concept developed by four NC State students, who came together and discussed the idea of creating an opportunity for meaningful employment for individuals with IDD, who have a high unemployment rate. The business began by hosting pop-up coffee services at various events on the NC State campus using folding tables serving Starbucks Coffee. This started the momentum behind the coffee shop, which now has evolved to having their own

stand inside one of the buildings at the NC farmers market in Raleigh. Brother Becker jumped in and said the Knights would be happy to support it. Brother Joe is an architect and designed the plans for the wall, along with determining what building materials would be required. Along with brothers Czejkowski and Becker, Brother Joe's daughter Ellie, Brother Alan Miller and Brother Tony Biel from the St. Andrews council in Apex, Liam Dao (COO of 321) and two other parishioners from St. Andrews who were also construction gurus, the team spent 4-5 hours framing and constructing the wall. If you would like to find out more information about 321 Coffee – please visit their website, [321coffee.com](http://321coffee.com). It's a great place to visit, grab some great coffee, and support their business.



**Alan Miller**



**Joe Czejkowski and daughter Ellie**



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Saint Francis of Assisi  
Catholic Church  
Raleigh, North Carolina**



## News Briefs for our Council

### HOW THE COUNCIL'S DUES ARE USED

Council dues are used to satisfy our obligations to Supreme, State and our council's operational expenses. Half of each brother's dues go to Supreme and State for per capita, insurance, and global catholic initiatives. The other half goes for operational expenses which include memoriam donations for brothers and family who have passed, a relief fund for brothers in need, support for service and fund raising activities, website support, and supplies.

This year the Covid-19 pandemic has severely impacted our fundraising activities, and consequently, dues will also be used to help fund support for our charitable commitments.

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**Sean G. Flanagan**  
Financial Secretary,

### Don't Worry - Retire Happy with Tom Hegna

The insurance agents for the state will be bringing in Mr. Tom Hegna for a virtual session entitled "Don't Worry, Retire Happy. Mr. Hegna is a nationally known expert on retirement planning and has authored numerous books. This presentation is on Thursday, October 1st at 7pm. Registration is required for this event by using the link below. If your schedule allows, please make time for this huge event. Many thanks to our brothers from Council 9709, Chris Mahoney and Frank Sancinetto as well as the other K of C insurance agents for putting this together.

<http://bit.ly/retirehappywithmahoneyandhegn>

### Francis Bless

The parish has asked for our help with this weekends Francis Bless event. We need to provide 6 brothers from 12:15 - 3:30 PM on Sunday October 4, 2020. Meet Brother Tony Rivezzo in the Gym/Chapel parking lot at 12:15. Brothers will be required to wear a face mask at all times and have their temperature checked. Sign-up for this event is on the council website. For questions email Tony: [ajrive@aol.com](mailto:ajrive@aol.com).



*Council 9709 officially has  
received the coveted Star Council  
Award thanks to all the great  
works and deeds we have  
performed.*



# YOUR HELP MATTERS



August 31, 2020

SK Tom DuPree PGK, PFN  
NC District VAVS Representative  
NC State Veteran Affairs ,Chairman  
2419 Hidden Meadow Drive  
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526-9436

Dearest Tom,

Dr. Steve and I want to thank you for the very generous \$500 gift to Support Military Families. The Knights of North Carolina gift assists us in honoring and appreciating military spouses and our Littlest Heroes, their children, for the sacrifices that they make on a daily basis.

In 2020, Support Military Families, because of donor support like yours, we will be able to distribute over 3,000 care packages to military families. We.Are.Grateful.

We thank God for YOU and the Knights of Columbus' support, assisting us in encouraging military families.

God bless,

*Dr. Steve & Diane Rumley*

Dr. Steven and Diane Rumley, Co-founders  
Support Military Families

**Support Military Families acknowledges and expresses appreciation for the following contribution:**

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