

# Knights of Columbus

ST. ELIZABETH COUNCIL NO. 8747

Milpitas, California

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SEPTEMBER 2024

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**IMPORTANT CALENDAR EVENTS**  
**SEE THE ENCLOSED CALENDAR - POST IT AND SHARE IT!**

**FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S DESK**  
*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



Is there anything better than September? The weather is perfect. The grass is lush. If you go to a Farmer's Market, the fruits and vegetables are at their peak. This is the last gasp before autumn and the harvest. Summer has given everything it can, and just can't contain itself anymore. And yet. In the middle of that — at this blessed moment in the calendar — God gave us Mary. How beautiful

to realize that the mother of our savior came into the world when the earth was at its richest. One of the first prayers we all learn, the Hail Mary, speaks of Christ as the "fruit of thy womb." It's only fitting that the one who bore that fruit came into the world during this time, when nature is giving forth so much.

We celebrate every 8th of September the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This follows our celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception exactly nine months ago on December 8. Although not celebrated this year in our Liturgy as it falls on a Sunday that celebrates the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we express our love and devotion to our Blessed Mother on the day of her nativity. September 8 is a joyful occasion in the Church.

This day provides us an opportunity to reflect on Mary's unique role in the history of salvation and the grace that accompanied her from the moment of her conception. It is a pivotal moment in salvation history as it signifies the coming of the one who would give birth to Jesus Christ, our Savior. It is a cause for great joy because it is the dawn of hope and salvation for all humanity. Her arrival marks the beginning of the fulfillment of God's promise to redeem His people.

Mary is the New Eve. Just as Eve played a crucial role in the fall of humanity through her disobedience, Mary plays a central role in our redemption through her obedience. Mary's "yes" to God contrasts with Eve's "no," and her birth is the prelude to the coming of Christ, the New Adam, who will restore what was lost.

Although the feast celebrates Mary's birth, it is closely connected to the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, which teaches that Mary was conceived without original sin. This singular grace prepared her to be the Mother of God. God's grace was already at work from the very beginning of Mary's life, preserving her from sin and making her a worthy vessel to bear His Son.

Mary's birth, though it occurred in humble circumstances, carries profound significance. God often chooses the lowly and humble to accomplish His divine purposes. Mary's life is a testament to God's preference for humility and her birth is a reminder that greatness in God's eyes is not about worldly status but about purity of heart and openness to His will.

Mary is not just a figure from the past, but she continues to play a vital role in the Church and in the life of every faithful. As our spiritual mother, she intercedes for us, guiding us closer to her Son. For this to happen, we would need to cultivate a deeper relationship with Mary, turning to her in times of need and following her example of total trust in God.

The Feast of the Nativity of Mary is also a celebration of

joy and gratitude. May we reflect on the blessings in our own lives and give thanks for the gift of Mary, whose life brings us closer to Jesus. It is a day to rejoice in God's goodness and the fulfillment of His promises.

The birth of Mary is a sign of God's unfailing love for His people. Through Mary, the dawn of our salvation breaks forth, and we are called to respond with faith and joy, just as she did. As we celebrate her nativity, let us renew our commitment to following her example, trusting in God's plan, and rejoicing in His grace that is always at work in our lives.

We rejoice in the birth of our Blessed Mother, who continues to guide us toward her Son, and to commit ourselves anew to living as faithful disciples, inspired by her humility and devotion.

Fraternally,  
 Very Reverend Andy C. Ligot, JCD  
 Chaplain

*Pastor, Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church  
 Vicar General, Diocese of San Jose*

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Worthy Brothers,

July and August came and went very quickly; I have only 10 more months to go. Our council had very little activity during the summer months, but things are beginning to get busy again.



Recognition

On August 24th, the San Jose Chapter installed new officers. Awards were distributed at the event, and the St.

Elizabeth council received a Bronze level for the Campaign supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities (aka the Tootsie Roll Drive). Thanks to all who volunteered and contributed.

Recruitment Drive

We decided to cancel the recruitment drive for August 10th and 11th, due to the many church activities happening those days. Additionally, while our council has over 100 members. If we exclude senior brothers and clergy, we still have over 80 brothers, but only four had signed on to participate.

We have planned a recruitment drive for September 28th and 29th. I encourage you to prayerfully consider volunteering for this and future recruitment drives.

Parish Festival

Our Parish Festival will be held September 21st and 22nd. Our council is responsible for water and other beverages. Brother Andy will be DJing, while Brothers Bill and Greg are responsible for power. I will be available on September 21st, but on the 22nd I have other commitments, including proclaiming the Word of God and distributing the Eucharist to nursing home residents and attending the installation for 4th Degree Knights. I hope many of you will be available to attend and help serve our parish at the festival, as well as socializing with the members of our parish community.

PWID Kick-off

To kick off the PWID campaign, there will be a meeting for all PWID Chairpersons on September 14th, from 9am-12pm, at St. John the Baptist.

Blue-Red-Red Mass

On September 28th, Bishop Cantu will be presiding over the Blue-Red-Red Mass at St. Francis Cabrini in San Jose.

#### West Coast Walk for Life

The 2025 Walk for Life is scheduled for January 26, 2025. Bus pick up for participants will be available at St. Victor, St. Lawrence, and Our Lady of Peace.

#### Other Updates

Clergy Appreciation is still on track. We hope to have a hall reserved by the next Chapter meeting.

The Crab Feed Fundraiser for our Bishop will be in March 2025. More info to come.

The Diocese of Los Angeles will host the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage next year, June 22, 2025. State leadership have proposed that the Knights organize a bus for Brothers to attend this eucharistic revival.

Finally, since many of our children and grandchildren are now returning to school, I pray that they have a fruitful school year. May our Brothers and families be well and full of happiness.

Fraternally,

Viva Jesus.

Khai Phan, Grand Knight.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Brother Gerry Valdizno  
Brother Vinh T. Nguyen  
Brother Melchor Baclig  
Brother Bill Poehlman  
Brother Skip Yenchik  
Brother Timothy Crews  
Brother Bill Paulsen  
Rev. Paul Weisbeck  
Brother Greg Dessel  
Brother Ernesto Bautista

And all those listed in the Church Bulletin Prayer List.

### PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

I would like to again take this opportunity to remind our Brother Knights and family members that St Elizabeth of Portugal Catholic Church will be holding their Annual Festival this year on Saturday September 21 (2 pm - 8 pm) and Sunday September 22 (9 am - 5 pm). Raffle Tickets are sold weekly after each mass for the drawing on September 22nd. We will need your assistance; if you can lend a hand on either or both days please let our Grand



Knights know.

Please!! Stop by after you attend mass that weekend and enjoy the entertainment with the family for this great festival.

As a continuing reminder to our Brothers and Families, "Our Lady of Fatima Devotion" will be celebrated on the 13th day of each month this year with a 6:30 pm mass, a Candlelight procession and a Fellowship following. Please consider attending the next scheduled one on Friday, September 13th at 6:30pm.

Our four Faith In Action Program Directors currently are: (1) FAITH Director - Brother Khai Phan, (2) FAMILY Director - Brother Guillermo Uribe, (3) COMMUNITY Director - Brother Cesar Simon / Brother Frank DeSmidt, and (4) LIFE Director Brother Vinh Nguyen - Each of these Brothers submit the latest information in their area

of expertise which can be found in the current bulletin. All Programs that our council participates in are positioned in one of these categories for reporting purposes to Supreme. If you have any suggestions for an event or have an interest in supporting any of our current Programs please contact the Director of that Program category or myself.

#### **Building the Domestic Church Theme for September is - CHARITY**

We learn of God's love through the Scriptures, the testimony of God himself, where we read that "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). The Scriptures therefore instruct all, including families, to practice charity because Christ is present in every person, especially the poor and needy.

#### **Scripture Reading — Psalm 86:1-7, 11-12**

#### **A prayer for God's protection of the poor**

Incline your ear, LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and oppressed.

Preserve my life, for I am devoted; save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; be gracious to me, LORD; to you I call all the day.

Gladden the soul of your servant; to you, LORD, I lift up my soul.

LORD, you are good and forgiving, most merciful to all who call on you.

LORD, hear my prayer; listen to my cry for help.

On the day of my distress I call to you, for you will answer me.

Teach me, LORD, your way that I may walk in your truth, single-hearted and revering your name.

I will praise you with all my heart, glorify your name forever, LORD my God.

Following is a summary of the council events for the month of **August 2024**

**August 5** our council held the Officers/Programs meeting at 7:00 pm followed by the Business Meeting at 7:30 pm in the St. Christopher room & Online.

**August 10 & 11** the first Recruitment weekend for the new Columbian year (2024 - 2025) was postponed until a future date due to overly committed circumstances.

**August 12** our St. Joseph Assembly #2246 members attended their monthly Officers meeting in the St. Christopher Room & online at 7:00 pm with the Business meeting following immediately afterward.

Following is a description of the council events scheduled for the month of **September 2024**

**September 5** our council will hold the Officers/Programs meeting at 7:00 pm followed by the Business Meeting at 7:30 pm in the St. Christopher room & Online. All our council Brothers are encouraged to attend and get the current information on our new Columbian year (2024 - 2025) activities. Online meetings are coordinated by our Financial Secretary, Brother Sir Knight Andy Dyson. If you will need online access to the meeting please contact him at [adysonjr@comcast.net](mailto:adysonjr@comcast.net).

**September 2** is the Labor Day Holiday this year. Our Council wishes all our Brothers and Family members a well deserved day of Family activity or rest as needed and please remember to keep safe.

**September 9** our council will hold the Officers/Programs meeting at 7:00 pm followed by the Business Meeting at 7:30 pm in the St. Christopher room & Online. All our council Brothers are encouraged to attend and get the current information on our new activities. Online meetings are coordinated by our Financial Secretary, Brother Sir Knight Andy Dyson. If you will need online

access to the meeting please contact him at [adysonjr@comcast.net](mailto:adysonjr@comcast.net).

**September 13** Our Lady of Fatima Devotion, the 107th Apparitions Anniversary, will be celebrated at St. Elizabeth church on Friday September 13th with a Trilingual Mass at 6:30pm. This is followed by a Multilingual Rosary procession and Light reception. Please come and join us in this evening of prayer.

**September 16** our St. Joseph Assembly #2246 will hold the Officers/Programs meeting at 7:00 pm followed by the Business Meeting at 7:30 pm in the St. Christopher room & Online. All our Assembly #2246 Sir Knights are encouraged to attend and get the current information on Assembly activities.

**September 21 & 22** St. Elizabeth will be holding their Annual Summer Festival on Saturday, September 21 from 2 pm until 8 pm, and Sunday, September 22 from 9 am until 5 pm. There will be multicultural food, games, entertainment and raffle for the whole family. Please plan on attending. We still need assistance from our Brother Knights so check with our Grand Knight or Brother Andy Dyson for info.

**September 29** our council will sponsor a Blood Drive for St. Elizabeth Church taking place in the St Elizabeth Parking lot. Details will be presented at the September 9th council meeting however we will need assistance from our Brother Knights in helping arrange the room and taking down the room that day. These volunteers must be at least 16 Years old. Please attend the next council meeting or contact Brother Sir Knight Gwan Ali-Santosa, 408-263-4638 to volunteer or get more information.

**September 30** our Council will partake in the first Family Pot Luck & recognition Social for this new Columbian year 2024- 2025. Plan on attending and bring your favorite dish or dessert to share with our other Brothers and family members. It will be at 7:00 pm in the St Christopher room. See you all there.

If you would like to share with me your ideas for the council or committees, have comments, suggestions, complaints or perhaps just need to talk, I can be reached by email at [cnhudson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cnhudson@sbcglobal.net) or on my Cell: (408) 881-3444.

Fraternally,  
Charles Hudson,  
Program Director,

## CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

### Reverent Liturgy Calls to Young Hearts

It is now rather difficult to deny the fact that young



Catholics are flocking in droves to reverent, even traditional, liturgies. Many older Catholics watch confusedly as young people overlook the cultural fads of the seventies and eighties that have long infiltrated much of the Church in the United States. Seeing these fads to be rather sensational and charged with dynamic emotion, it may seem preposterous that young Catholics of this age are instead choosing silence, ordered routine, and what some might perceive to be monotony. Silent adoration is preferred to guitar-guided meditation, Gregorian chant is desired more than Christian rock, and, as is increasingly the case, seeing the priest's back rather than his face is received with a pious excitement. How is it that a reverent, traditional celebration of Holy Mass is stirring the

hearts and minds of young Catholics?

I have grown up in the Catholic education system my entire life. I attended an ordinary K-8 parochial school with "religion" class and school-wide Mass every Wednesday. During my tenure there, my interest in the Catholic faith was slim to nothing. My desire to receive the Sacraments was non-existent, considering that any real knowledge of what the sacraments entailed was never properly conveyed. The school, as do most lukewarm Catholic schools, had good intentions, but the catechetics and liturgy were completely without substance. Now, I understand that this story is almost identical to that of most Catholics who attended Catholic schools in the United States beginning in the late sixties and early seventies, but mine took a graceful turn soon after.

Upon graduation from my parochial school, I had the grace to attend Jesuit High School in Tampa, Florida. It was there that I first encountered reverent liturgy. I was immediately dazzled by the many ways in which reverent liturgy, with a proper understanding of the human person as a body-soul composite, flooded my senses with the seemingly superfluous "smells and bells" in order to lift my soul to God.

Instead of the cheesy piano and Beatles-style music, the organ roared and shook me from within. In lieu of theatrical English lyrics, the boys' schola sang Gregorian chant in Latin and traditional hymns as if crying out from the heart. Rather than high-fiving students and clapping during the procession, six Jesuits (yes, Jesuits!) approached the altar with reverent expression ready to ascend to the throne of grace to fulfill their priestly office. Fourteen altar boys in almost militaristic formation preceded the priests. Parts of the Mass were sung, and the sermon was preached with fatherly admonition. The list could go on. In being immersed into the reverence and grandeur of this Mass, I finally began to understand what had been lacking all along. For the first time in my life, kneeling in those pews with eyes peeled, I intuitively understood that something much greater than anything in my own little world was occurring before my eyes.

Looking back now, I understand that Our Lord made use of reverence in the liturgy to draw my heart to Himself. It was that experience that led me to crave the sacred more and more in my everyday life. The Lord, through the beauty of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered with reverence and, yes, all of the "externals" so unfortunately thrown away by our Church, woke me up from the boredom of cheap sensationalism and idiosyncratic liturgy.

My story is one among so many, and the stories continue to come to fruition even in the wake of the tragic cancelling of traditional Masses. We must begin to consider that the statistics regarding the connection between reverent, traditional liturgy and authentic belief (*lex ordandi, lex credendi*) are not the product of merely probable correlation. There seems to be an overwhelmingly visible relation of strong causation, as especially witnessed to by countless Catholic adolescents, young adults, young married couples, young families, and, indeed, young priests.

The youth of the Church is the future of the Church. We take our place amidst countless generations of Catholics who have come before and, God willing, will come after us. Young Catholics desire the stability and timelessness of "lowercase-t" tradition just as much as "capital-t" Tradition. No longer content with practices enculturated by the zeitgeist of the sixties, seventies, and eighties, we seek to pray in the way that the Saints did. Rather than attempting to mold our holy religion to the

cultural preferences and conventions of our modern times, we seek the same fountains from which the saints of old drank and were satisfied.

So counter-cultural is reverent liturgy to our modern times that we find ourselves almost coming into sense contact with our removal from space and time during Holy Mass. Our human nature finds itself brought into contact with the nourishment that Our Lord intended for all mankind when our public worship is reverent and traditional. With no longer any need to force our attention and devotion, reverence and tradition lift our minds and hearts to God gently and sweetly.

This youthful "obsession" with reverent, traditional liturgy which we are seeing in the Church today is far from a mere antiquarian phase. The source and summit of the lives of many generations of Catholics will never escape the collective memory of the Mystical Body of Christ, even if it is the child who must remind his parent or grandparent. Reverence and tradition can never be points of Catholic division because Holy Mother Church has unwaveringly guarded them throughout the ages. Young Catholics, through their participation at reverent liturgies, are being reignited in their senses of and desires for the grandeur of God.

Written By Matthew Uzdavinis

Stay Safe and Take Care

Fraternally,

Vinh T. Nguyen,

Life Director and Culture of Life Chairman

member recruitment drive for Fraternal Year 2024 – 2025. Unfortunately, our original August church drive had to be rescheduled to Sept. 28th and 29th. Once again, volunteers are needed after all masses. Attached was the August volunteer sign-up sheet.

Further, members of our council, I would like to get your input as to what we could have done differently during FA 2023-2024 in our recruitment efforts so as to implement a different recruitment strategy.

Remember, recruitment is a 24/7/365 proposition and we must serve as evangelist for our Order and Council. The best practice for recruiting new members, is 1 on 1 communication. Let us practice by taking the opportunity to share the benefits of joining our Council. If you belong to any of the church ministries, share with any of the ministry members your experience with the Knights of Columbus; benefits offered through the Knights of Columbus and your own personal experience and why you joined the Knights of Columbus.

In closing, the message is RECRUIT, RECRUIT AND RECRUIT!

Fraternally yours,

Brother David Ojeda

Membership Director/Recruitment  
Chairman

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St. Elizabeth Council #8747

Visit us at: <https://www.kofc8747.org/>



## MILPITAS COMMUNITY NEWS

*Here it is!*

Community Meetings

Milpitas City Council:

Usually 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in City Hall except in July. Broadcast on ZOOM, on the Community Channel 15, and webcast on city website:

<http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov>

Milpitas Planning Commission:

Usually 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in City Hall except in July. Broadcast on ZOOM, on the Community Channel 15, and webcast on city website:

<http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov>

MUSD School Board:

Usually 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in MUSD Boardroom. Broadcast on ZOOM, on the Community Channel 15, and on the MUSD website:

<http://www.musd.org>

Milpitas Community events:

On Thursday, September 19, 2024 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm, our Chamber Mixer will be held at Westmont of Milpitas Senior Living, 80 Cedar Way, Milpitas. Contact and register at the Chamber office at 408-262-2613 or check with <http://www.milpitaschamber.com> for more information.



Frank De Smidt,  
Milpitas Community Chairman

## FRATERNAL INSURANCE AGENT'S CORNER

Brothers,

Labor Day weekend is fast approaching. Though you and I may both feel like summer has come and gone too fast, here is an ideal opportunity to get out the grill, build some memories, relax and plan some fun.

This is also the time of year that I send one of my periodic checklists. Many of my fellow Knights and clients find that taking a moment to check off a few questions can help provide ideas for reducing taxes, increasing after tax wealth or planning sound financial strategies during these economic times. That's worth a second of your time! Here is the checklist. Have a great Labor Day!

View Financial Goals & Guidance Checklist:  
<https://ebriefme.org/Checklist/CustomChecklist.aspx?d=824&req=95408da4-1c1f-4675-8350-843ff3f8e654>



Thank you,

Fraternally,

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## MEMBERSHIP/RECRUITMENT

My fellow Brother Knights of St. Elizabeth Council 8747, recruitment of new Brother Knights remains a viable life line to the Knights of Columbus and specifically to our Council.

Fraternal Year 2024 – 2025 brings new opportunities for recruitment and we will be holding our first new

## COUNCIL FUNDRAISER CHAIRMAN NOTES

Brother Knights of Council 8747,

As the General Elections come closer, we will once again have the opportunity to participate in raising funds for our council. The Registrar of Voters team is diligently working and organizing for this event. The Registrar of Voters has given us an early opportunity to sign up and participate. Only one opportunity now is available. The Milpitas Library has been claimed by another organization, please consider volunteering: .

Opportunity: a 4-day Vote Center, at Christ Community Church of Milpitas- Sequoia - 1000 S Park Victoria Dr, Milpitas, CA 95035 from Nov 2-Nov 5.

In the PDF attachment are key dates from the Registrar of Voters. If you are interested in volunteering and participating in the Presidential General Elections, please contact me at: [davidojeda09@yahoo.com](mailto:davidojeda09@yahoo.com)

Another opportunity to fundraise is by volunteering at Levi Stadium Concession Stands. The stipend is \$225 per 8 hour event.

Again, you may contact me by e-mail at [davidojeda09@yahoo.com](mailto:davidojeda09@yahoo.com) or on my mobile phone 1-408-204-3129 or Brother Andy Dyson with your interest to volunteer or with any questions.

Fraternally yours,

Brother David Ojeda

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### KEY DATES

OCT 5 – 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courier training starts</li> <li>• Training calendar will be posted on ELVS webpage <a href="http://www.sccvote.org/elogistics">www.sccvote.org/elogistics</a></li> </ul>
SATURDAY, OCT 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11-day Vote Center couriers to start ballot pickup</li> <li>• 11-day LaSC Coordinators/Couriers to start</li> </ul>
SATURDAY, NOV 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-day Vote Center couriers to start ballot pickup</li> <li>• 4-day LaSC Coordinators/Couriers to start</li> <li>• Drop box couriers to start vote envelopes pickup</li> <li>• Retrievers support at ROV starts</li> </ul>
TUESDAY, NOV 5 ELECTION DAY	<p>8 PM – end of voting Last couriers pick up and close of drop boxes</p>

#### DROP BOX PICK UP SCHEDULE



Saturday – Nov. 2	11:00 AM
Sunday – Nov. 3	11:00 AM
Monday – Nov. 4	1:00 PM
Tuesday – Nov. 5	1:00 PM
Tuesday – Nov. 5	8:00 PM <small>Final collection and closing of box</small>

#### VOTE CENTER PICK UP SCHEDULE

**Oct 26 - Nov 4            5 PM**  
**Nov 5                        8 PM**

#### LaSC TEAMS' SCHEDULE

**Oct 26 - Nov 4            8AM to 5 PM**  
**Nov 5                        8 AM up to 7 PM**

#### RETRIEVERS SUPPORT SCHEDULE

**Nov 2 - 3                    10:30 AM to 12:30 PM**  
**Nov 4 - 5                    12:30 – 2:30 PM**  
**Nov 5 (end of voting)    7:30 - up to 10:00 PM**



FOR  
THE MONTH OF  
SEPTEMBER 2024 (date),  
TO:

- FRANK DE SMIDT (04)
- ALEJO VALLE (04)
- MILAN A. MALLABO (10)
- JOSELITO ABELARDO (19)
- RICARDO GATDULA, JR (22)
- ROSALIO HARO (23)
- RANDLE REDIC, SR. (26)
- MARCO VALLE (28)
- PAOLO SIOCO (25)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL 8747  
2022-2023 OFFICERS

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Two Year Trustee-----	Gwan Ali-Santosa--263-4638
One Year Trustee-----	Guillermo Uribe--408-332-7556

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM'S MEMBERS

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Director-----	Charlie Hudson
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Council WebMaster-----	Gwan Ali-Santosa
Newsletter/Bulletin Editor-----	Andy Dyson
Fund Raiser Chairman-----	David Ojeda
PWID Chairman -----	Gwan Ali-Santosa
St. Elizabeth Knight Sounds DJ-----	Andy Dyson

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ADVOCATE'S COLLECTION UPDATE  
THE ADVOCATE'S COLLECTION AT  
LAST MONTH'S MEETING  
WAS \$81 COLLECTED FOR  
**AID & SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY**  
MEETING WILL BE FOR  
**AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR MISSION**

# SEPTEMBER 2024

## St. Elizabeth Council #8747

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FAMILY OF THE MONTH  
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<u>JULY</u>
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**KNIGHT OF THE YEAR 2023-2024**

GREG DESSEL

**FAMILY OF THE YEAR 2023-2024**

BILL & ANNIE HENZEL FAMILY

Dear Brother Knights and Wives, Priests,  
Deacons, Friends and Families,

Since November of 2003 I have had the great pleasure of serving the Bay Area, Ca. as a Knights of Columbus insurance agent

It has been an amazing experience to meet with thousands of Brother Knights and their families. I took great pride in advising, assisting, and counseling you regarding the Order's insurance program, and spending mornings, afternoons, evenings and weekends with you: at your home, parish, coffee shops or video conferences.

I may have spent time with you at a meeting, festival, fraternal event or after Mass. I am now - at that point in my career - that I am advising your grown children, whom I met with they were young and at home. Now, they are starting their own families and turning to the Knights for their financial protection and security.

I have met with dozens of widows, widowers, and families who have lost a loved one, and delivered those necessary insurance claim checks. Necessary, so they can continue living and grieving without the additional threat of financial turmoil as our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, intended.

Families have reached out to me to discover they have cash value in their Knights of Columbus whole life policies that they can access to get by in an emergency, and retirees could rest easy knowing that their Knights of Columbus annuities will provide that safe harbor for their hard-earned savings.

Most importantly, the Knights of Columbus in Northern California has been the most influential aspect in my spiritual journey as a practicing and devout Catholic.

The past 21 years have been - as an old Knights of Columbus slogan once exclaimed - "An Experience of a Lifetime!"

So, it is with my deepest gratitude to officially announce my resignation with the Gutierrez Northern California Agency as of September 1st. I will be moving residence to the Lone Star State of Texas to continue my career as a Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent under the Britten Agency of Austin. My new home will be in the small town of Buda, Texas, fifteen minutes south of the city.

I will be finishing up some "housekeeping" and completing pending insurance applications until the end of September. Therefore, if you have any questions, concerns, or need to meet with me, please call my office so we can schedule a time together. I highly encourage you to meet with your field agent when he calls on you, and please give high regard to the agent who takes my place at your council. Their advice is vitally crucial to you and your family.

I want to thank you - my fraternal families - for the two decades of trust in me as your Knights of Columbus insurance agent. I am honored and grateful.

Lastly, I want to thank the agents - past and present - from the Maranzino Agency and Gutierrez Agency, for being my professional colleagues and Brother Knights. Without their friendship and support, I don't believe I would've lasted this long. This job is difficult and a roller coaster ride, and I thank God for my Brother Knight Agents. Those agents epitomize the true definition of a "Brother Knight".

Thank you all, again. It has been a pleasure to serve you.

Vivat Jesus! Fraternally,  
Sir Knight Dion Dangzalan FICF CLTC MDRT



On August 27, 2024, The Knights of Columbus St. Elizabeth Council 8747 presented Columbian Foundation Grant Award and donation checks in the amount of \$5,200.00 and \$92.50, total \$5,292.50 to Milpitas Unified School District for Special Education Program at Milpitas High School. This is the third time Milpitas Unified School District received the Grant Award from the Columbian Foundation Supporting People With Intellectual Disabilities, congratulations !

We would like to express our gratitude for the generosity and support of our members and donors, families and friends, Fr. Andy C. Ligot and Fr. Duong Nguyen, and St. Elizabeth Parish Community, Milpitas Unified School District Board Members, Superintendent and staff, teachers, students volunteers, and parents. Thanks to Ocean Supermarket, and New Kim Lee Fast Food for consistent and strong support year after year. We have been very successful, because we all work together.

Sincerely:

Knights of Columbus St. Elizabeth Council 8747

Khai Phan, Grand Knight

Manuel Mallabo III, Trustee

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