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ST. ELIZABETH COUNCIL NO. 8747

Milpitas, California

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DIVISION III



DECEMBER 2023

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

FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S DESK

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

With our celebration of Thanksgiving Day a little over a week ago, we begin in the month of December the Season of Advent, the start of the new liturgical calendar in our Church. The busy Christmas shopping season has begun. Many have started getting busy not only in making a gift list but also in buying the items in that list as well. Choosing the perfect gift for people on our list entails a lot of time and thinking. We might have also noticed how stores have extensively improved their marketing strategies to allure shoppers. Did any of the advertisements ever asked: "Have you prepared spiritually for Christmas?"



In the First Sunday of Advent, we often hear John the Baptist in the Gospel preaching in the desert, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: "A voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord and make straight His path.' The real spirit of the Advent Season is to prepare the way of the Lord. Isn't that the real spirit of the Advent Season? We are to prepare the way of the Lord. Therefore, as we check our gift lists at this time of the year, we should also be taking inventory to determine what we are doing to prepare for the way of the Lord. Advent is a good time to make some spiritual resolutions as we prepare for Christmas.

- Maybe there is some bridge-building that we need to do in our lives.
- Maybe there are important relationships in our lives for which we need to show new respect.
- Maybe our prayer life needs regularity and structure.
- Maybe our participation in the Eucharist needs more preparation.
- Maybe we need a more honest self-scrutiny as we prepare for our Christmas confession.
- Maybe there are attachments in our lives from which we need to separate ourselves.
- Maybe there are sectors in our lives that need more self-control.

Perhaps part of our spiritual preparation will be to "Thank God" for the wonderful gifts he has given us like our health and the opportunities available to us relative to safety and security. Another one could be getting reconciled with God and with our friends. For this reason, it might be an opportune time to do our Advent Reconciliation through the Sacrament of Confession/Penance.

Lastly, we need to pray. In spirit of thanksgiving, perhaps we can pray the rosary each day (if we are not already doing this.) If our schedule permits, perhaps we can attend daily Mass during this season. These are only a few of the many opportunities to thank God for what we have. In this month of December, we are also celebrating the **Solemnity Immaculate Conception** (*A Holy Day of Obligation*) our Patroness in the United States of America. We also celebrate a few days after that we celebrate on December 12 the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, the Patroness of the Americas. In many of our Parishes, we also have a nine-day Novena of Masses to prepare ourselves for Christmas, the **Solemnity of the Nativity**

of Our Lord. May you all have a wonderful Advent and a joyous Christmas.

Fraternally,
 Fr. Andy Ligot, JCD
 Chaplain
 Vicar General & Chancellor,
 Diocese of San Jose

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

Hope everybody is well, healthy and strong as we approach the flu season.



Last month was busy for us. We started on November 6 with a memorial mass remembering our deceased brothers and our brother's spouses and we had our regular meeting after that.

The following weekend, we had our Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sales in all weekend masses.

Then the following weekend again, we continued our Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sales in all the weekend masses which also included our Recruitment Drive. Brother Andy was happy as we almost ran out of supplies.

In all the events, you can see that only a few members participated, but it is more than the numbers in the past. We were expecting that more would participate for this is the only time we can bond with our brothers, but we are also at the same time doing service to our community. So, for those who missed the fun, do come join us.

We just celebrated Thanksgiving with families, relatives and friends and we have realized that there's a lot of things we should be thankful for. Thanking the Lord that we are still alive. That we still enjoy life with our families, relatives and friends. But have you realized that aside from that, we will enjoy it more if we try to serve our community, especially the less fortunate ones. You can fulfill that opportunity by just attending the Knights of Columbus meetings and projects. Our Order offers a lot of opportunities to fulfill that duty. So come back and join us.

It's December already and Christmas is just around the corner. Have you thought about what you will do for Christmas? Well, we hope that coming back to our meetings and joining our projects will be your priority, as by doing so, you will be ready to face the Lord and say to Him, Lord I have done my part of serving the poor and the less fortunate as you have commanded us to do, and I am ready to face you on your birth.

The 3rd Monday of this month will be our Christmas Party with the Assembly and hope to see you there, to rekindle your past with your brothers and their spouses. So, reserve that date and try your very best to join. I promise you, you won't regret it, as you will then realize that you have missed a lot.

See you next meeting for a start and please remain healthy and strong so you will enjoy the following

Fraternally,
 Manuel Mallabo III,
 Grand Knight

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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,



In the Catholic liturgical calendar, the New Year begins this year on December 3, the first Sunday of the Advent Season. Our families and parishes celebrate the start of this season by lighting the first of four candles on their Advent wreath. This first candle has become known as the Prophet's Candle and symbolizes HOPE; "Prophet" refers to Isaiah who foresaw the coming of the messiah. The second Advent candle is known as the Bethlehem Candle and symbolizes FAITH or Preparation, as we prepare for the coming of Jesus. The candle lit on the third Sunday of Advent is known as the Shepherds Candle and symbolizes the JOY which the angels proclaimed when Jesus was born. Lastly, the fourth Advent candle is known as the Angel's Candle and symbolizes the PEACE or the LOVE for which Jesus came to earth.

The Advent season is a time for preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. Take time during this busy season to reflect on the scripture readings for the Sundays of Advent. Adopt as your Advent resolution the promise to set aside a few minutes each day for quiet prayer, spiritual reading or reflection during this Advent time. Make it a point during Advent to forgive someone who has hurt you and ask forgiveness of anyone you may have hurt. Also unite yourselves with Our Lady so that Advent will truly become a time when each person awaits the birth of the Christ Child in his or her heart.

Also, Please continue to follow the articles in this current bulletin for the contributions from 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 myself or the Director of that Program category.

Building the Domestic Church Theme for December is - Joy

Joy is an attribute of God's divine love. To reflect God in our family life, we are called to be joyful by developing our relationship with Christ..

Scripture Reading — Psalm 33:1-7, 20-22

A prayer of praise and rejoicing before the Lord.

Rejoice, you righteous, in the LORD; praise from the upright is fitting.

Give thanks to the LORD on the harp; on the ten-stringed lyre offer praise.

Sing to him a new song; skillfully play with joyful chant.

For the LORD's word is upright; all his works are trustworthy.

He loves justice and right. The earth is full of the mercy of the LORD.

By the LORD's word the heavens were made; by the breath of his mouth all their host.

He gathered the waters of the sea as a mound; he sets the deep into storage vaults.

Our soul waits for the LORD, he is our help and shield.

For in him our hearts rejoice; in his holy name we trust.

May your mercy, LORD, be upon us; as we put our hope in you.

Following is a summary of the council events for the month of **November 2023**

November 2 our Knight Sounds celebrated the annual mass for all souls who have departed for their eternal home with God, at Calvary Cemetery.

November 6 our council once again celebrated our annual Memorial Mass & Rosary in tribute to our departed Brothers, Sisters and Family members at 6:30 pm in the chapel. Our pastor, Fr. Andy Ligot presided at the celebration while our director for the event, Brother Skipper Yenchik led the rosary as we honored those council & family members who have departed us on their journey to their Heavenly Home with our Lord. Our Business meeting followed immediately afterward.

November 11 & 12 our council began this year's 2 weekends in November "Keep Christ in Christmas" Card sales activity. We setup our display table in the front of St Elizabeth church at the beginning of the first mass of the day for Saturday & Sunday and sold our supplies until after the last mass of the day.

November 13 our St. Joseph Assembly 2246 members attended their monthly Officers meeting in the St. Elizabeth Room & online at 7:00 pm with the Business meeting following immediately afterward.

November 18 & 19 week two of our "Keep Christ in Christmas" Card sales event at each mass on both Saturday & Sunday.

November 20 our Brothers conducted the Thanksgiving holiday Food drive sorting, packaging & distribution from 4:30 pm until 6:30 pm in the St Christopher room.

Following is a description of the council events scheduled for the month of

December 4 our council will hold the Officers/ Programs meeting at 7:00 pm followed by the Business Meeting at 7:30 pm in the St. Elizabeth room. All our council Brothers are invited to attend and give us your input for our programs.

December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary with English services at 8:30 am & 6:00 pm and a Vietnamese service at 7:30 pm. Please attend mass on this day and fulfill your obligation to Mary and our Father.

December 11 our St. Joseph Assembly 2246 members will attend their monthly Officers meeting in the St. Christopher Room & online at 7:00 pm with the Business meeting following immediately afterward.

December 18 will be our annual St Elizabeth Council 8747 and St Joseph Assembly 2246 combined Christmas

Party. Please bring your favorite food and join us in the St Elizabeth / St Christopher rooms and the kitchen for this annual event where Brother Andy Dyson will provide his mini Knight Sounds Christmas music and we can all have a great time.

December 20 our Brothers will conduct the Christmas holiday Food drive sorting, packaging & distribution from 4:30 pm until 6:30 pm in the St Christopher room.

December 25 CHRISTMAS Day. The council wishes each and every Brother and his family a very Merry Christmas.

December 31 New Year's Eve. The council wishes each and every Brother and his family a Blessed Happy New Year

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 or on my Cell: (408) 881-3444.

Fraternally,
Charles Hudson,
Program Director,

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

Stolen Innocence: The Spiritual War on Children and the Family

And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come; but woe to him by whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin" (Lk 17:1-2).



Strolling through my neighborhood while admiring the Christmas decorations I wandered upon a simple Nativity Scene. In a warmly lit stable our Blessed Mother, Saint Joseph, and a few farm animals looked down upon the Christ Child laying on a bed of straw.

The scene reminded me that every child is loved by God. And that while each individual person is created in the Image of God, the fuller Image is the family, the communion of a father, mother and child, a sacramental reflection of the Inner Life and Love of the Trinity.

The family throughout history has been the bedrock of civilization, and in fact, without the traditional family, there is no civilization to discuss. Furthermore, Christianity, and its belief in the sacred nature of the Family, is the foundation of Western Civilization.

The United States Declaration of Independence went a step further when it flipped the world's prevailing power structure on its head by declaring:

"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

The Founding Fathers, while not perfect, understood that striving for perfection under God was the key to the success of this new experiment in human freedom, dignity, and opportunity. John Adams observed, *"Our Constitution was made for only a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."*

James Madison wrote that our Constitution requires, *"sufficient virtue among men for self-government," otherwise, "nothing less than the chains of despotism can restrain them from destroying and devouring one another."*

Fast forward two-hundred years. We live in a post-

Christian world where the majority no longer believe in the sacred nature of the family and are no longer a moral and religious people. In this secular abyss the young, seeking to fill their empty hearts, have increasingly turned to the state, sex, and technology as their new religion. Man will always worship something.

To understand the accelerating destruction of what was once the American dream – embraced by our grandparents and the immigrants flooding our border – one comes face to face with the spiritual war that seeks to annihilate the traditional family and their children. Corporations like Netflix, Disney, and many others including mainstream media, the government and even some high-ranking Church leaders, have placed targets on the backs of children. But none have done more to undermine traditional American and Christian values than the public school system.

"Almost overnight, America's public schools have become toxic—morally, intellectually, and politically. With the most recent outrage—the imposition of gender ideology from kindergarten through high school—we're left with a system designed to turn the hearts and minds of children away from faith in God, love of country, and plain old common sense. The lunacy of pretending that you can choose your 'gender identity' is ruthlessly enforced at every level of the education system. Decades of court-imposed atheism in public schools have produced the most godless generation in American history. Relentless indoctrination in moral relativism has left more than two-thirds of young people without a belief in truth or objective right and wrong" ("Get Out Now: Why you should pull your child from public school before it's too late," by Mary Rice Hasson and Theresa Farnan).

Pope John Paul II, a prophet for our times, already identified this back in 1994 when he wrote in his *Letter to Families*,

"Unfortunately, various programs backed by very powerful resources...aim at the breakdown of the family. At times it appears that concerted efforts are being made to present as "normal" and attractive, and even to glamorize, situations which are in fact "irregular". Indeed, they contradict "the truth and love" which should inspire and guide relationships between men and women, thus causing tensions and divisions in families, with grave consequences particularly for children. The moral conscience becomes darkened; what is true, good and beautiful is deformed; and freedom is replaced by what is actually enslavement. In view of all this, how relevant and thought-provoking are the words of the Apostle Paul about the freedom for which Christ has set us free, and the slavery which is caused by sin (cf. Gal 5:1)!"

Make no mistake about it, we are in a spiritual battle that Sister Lucia, the main visionary of Fatima, clearly defined in her letter to Cardinal Caffara and John Paul II when she wrote, *"The final battle between the Lord and the kingdom of Satan will be about Marriage and the Family. Do not be afraid, she added, because whoever works for the sanctity of Marriage and the Family will always be fought against and opposed in every way, because this is the decisive issue. Then she concluded: 'nevertheless, Our Lady has already crushed his head'."*

Cardinal Caffara added that "speaking with John Paul II, you could feel that the family was the core, since it has to do with the supporting pillar of creation, the truth of the relationship between man and woman, between the generations. If the foundational pillar is damaged, the entire building collapses and we are seeing this now, because we are right at this point and we know it. And I

am also moved when I read the best biographies of Padre Pio,” the Cardinal concluded, “about how this man was so attentive to the sanctity of marriage and the holiness of the spouses, even with justifiable rigor at times.”

It is no accident that after Saint Paul wrote, “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her” (Eph 5:25), he continued, “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand” (Eph 6:10-13).

“It would be a very serious error to conclude... that the Church’s teaching is essentially only an “ideal” which must then be adapted, proportioned, graduated to the so-called concrete possibilities of man, according to a “balancing of the goods in question.” But what are the “concrete possibilities of man”? And of which man are we speaking? *Of man dominated by lust or of man redeemed by Christ?* This is what is at stake: the *reality of Christ’s redemption*. Christ has redeemed us! This means that he has given us the possibility of realizing the entire truth of our being; he has set our freedom free from the domination of concupiscence. And if redeemed man still sins, this is not due to an imperfection of Christ’s redemptive act, but to man’s will not to avail himself of the grace which flows from that act. God’s command is of course proportioned to man’s capabilities; but the capabilities of the man to whom the Holy Spirit has been given; of the man who, though he has fallen into sin, can always obtain pardon and enjoy the presence of the Holy Spirit” (Veritatis Splendor, John Paul II, No. 103).

There is a voice that the faithful hear that the worldly do not. “And He who sat upon the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And “Write this, for these words of mine are trustworthy and true. And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water without price from the fountain of the water of life. He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God and he shall be my son. But for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, as for murderers, fornicators, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their lot shall be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death” (Rev 21:5-8).

The next time you walk by a Nativity Scene, pause to reflect on the fact that Satan doesn’t have his own clay. He can only deform what God has created good. The child laying in the manger choose to come into the world through a family, a man born of a woman, to give up his life for every one of us so that we could embrace our true identity as sons and daughters of God.

And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus” (Lk:30-31).

In these turbulent times, as I stroll through my neighborhood and reflect on the American dream, I hear the voice of Saint Faustina, “*Jesus, I Trust in You.*” Have a Blessed Christmas, our Savior has been born!

Written By Jack Robert

Stay Safe and Take Care

Vinh T. Nguyen,

Life Director and Culture of Life Chairman

FRATERNAL INSURANCE AGENT’S CORNER

Knights of Columbus Annuity Rates are UP! (↑)

Did you know your Knights of Columbus annuity – which has a lifetime guaranteed interest rate – will get an increase with any new deposit? Here are the current interest rates for any deposits made before the end of December.



Interest rates for new deposits made in our Flexible Premium Annuity contracts are as follows. **Flexible Premium**

Annuity contracts with a minimum guaranteed interest rate of:

- 3.50% will be 4.50% (↑)
- 3.00% will be 4.50% (↑)
- 1.75% will be 4.50% (↑)
- 1.50% will be 4.50% (↑)

These rates are for payments received from October 1st, 2023, through December 31st and are applicable through September 30th, 2024.

In addition, we are offering guaranteed interest rates for our shorter-term Vantage annuity contracts:

- U.S. -under \$100K single premium: 4.45% (↑)
- U.S. -\$100K or more single premium: 4.65% (↑)

If you have been considering doing a 401k/403b/457 rollover or IRA transfer to something a little safer – please do not hesitate to call or reply to this email. Act soon, as these rates are for deposits made only through December 31st.

Fraternally,

Dion Dangzalan FICF, CLTC

CA License #0C99299

Fraternal Insurance Agent

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>

Community events:

Our next Chamber Mixer is scheduled for Thursday, December 14th, from 5 to 7 PM at Huntford Printing, 275 Dempsey Road, Milpitas. Contact and register at the Chamber office at 408-262-2613 or check with: <http://www.milpitaschamber.com> for more information.



Also, check out the *2022 Chamber Directory* at

https://emflipbooks.com/flipbooks/Milpitas_CoC/MD/2022/
There it is.

Frank De Smidt,
Milpitas Community Chairman

COUNCIL FUNDRAISER CHAIRMAN NOTES

Brother Knights of Council 8747,



As you know from previous council newsletters and from attending council meetings, fundraising will be a key activity in building our financial war chest not only to maintain our day to day operations but also to help fund our programs.

During our October Council meeting Brother Greg Amundson (from the St. John the Baptist Council as well as a 4th Degree member with the St. Joseph Assembly #2246) spoke to us about his experience as a Knights of Columbus Levi Stadium Concession Stands volunteer. Brother Greg spoke about the positives of volunteering at Levi Stadium and some of the benefits such as free meals, parking and an opportunity to make new friends and networking.

As a reference point, during Fraternal Year 2022-2023 members of the 4th Degree, St. Joseph Assembly #2246 were able to raise \$2,500 to support various programs. Not only were we able to raise funds but we were also able to put into practice the principles of 1) Charity: the giving of our time and pay to fund key projects, 2) Unity: we worked together as a team and had fun in the process, 3) Fraternity: as we worked towards a common purpose while further developing our friendship of mutual support.

In addition, during our March 2024 primary elections, we will have an opportunity to volunteer and raise funds for our council. A member of the Registrar of Voters will be speaking to our council during the January 2024 council meeting.

Consider volunteering today to help keep our Councils financials healthy and to put forth the practice and principles of our Order.

You may contact me by e-mail at davidojeda09@yahoo.com or on my mobile phone 1-408-204-3129 or Brother Andy Dyson with your interest or with any questions.

Fraternally yours,
Brother David Ojeda
Mobile: 1-408-204-3129

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2022-2023 Star Council

RECRUITMENT CHAIRMAN NOTES

My fellow Brother Knights of St. Elizabeth Council 8747, thank you to the Brothers who helped during the November 18th and 19th, Keep Christ in Christmas card sale and New Member Recruitment after all masses; as a result, we were able to get two prospects.

As mentioned in previous council newsletters and council meeting's, our Council leadership has established for Columbian Year 2023-2024 a new membership goal of 7 new members to be exemplified into our council (thus far 1 candidate has been exemplified). Recruitment of new Brother Knights remains a viable

life line to the Knights of Columbus and specifically to our Council; so your help is needed!

During the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year, we will need help in recruitment; either by word of mouth or participating in Recruitment Church Drive masses at St. Elizabeth. Currently word of mouth gives us the better opportunity to convert prospects into Brother Knights. If you belong to any of the church ministries, please 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.

Additionally, what do you do with past Columbian magazine's? The weekly Knightline newsletters that we receive in our e-mail Inbox? Have you considered passing them onto friends that may be interested in joining the Knights of Columbus. These are just simple steps that we can take to help build our Council membership.

When recruiting keep in mind, that it is the wife that is the focal point and the decision maker of the family. During past church membership drives it was the wife who knew about the Knights of Columbus organization. The moral to this experience is that the wife is a big influence on the husband and of course the family. So don't discount mentioning the Knights of Columbus to wives as she will see the value and the opportunity for her husband to participate with other liked minded catholic gentlemen to better live the faith and to help her husband become a better husband. Don't keep the Knights of Columbus organization and the St. Elizabeth Council the best kept secret. Share our stories (with a smile and enthusiasm) of why we joined the Knights of Columbus and the benefits of our organization.

Thank you in advance for your immediate attention and action.

Fraternally yours,
Brother David Ojeda
Mobile: 408-204-3129
St. Elizabeth Council #8747
Milpitas, CA
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2022-2023 Star Council

MERRY CHRISTMAS

**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
ST. ELIZABETH COUNCIL 8747**

AND

ST. JOSEPH ASSEMBLY 2246

ANNUAL

POTLUCK CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 18, 2023

6:30 PM SET UP

7:00 PM DINNER

CHRISTMAS MUSIC BY

ST. ELIZABETH KNIGHT SOUNDS

PLEASE BRING A DISH OR

DESSERT TO SHARE



**FOR
THE MONTH OF
DECEMBER 2023 (date),
TO:**

- JOEL PAULSEN (05)**
- TODD FERRAND (06)**
- REV. EDWARD SAMY (10)**
- ALBERT LUMAS (12)**
- REV. VICTOR D TRAN (12)**
- TIMOTHY CREWS (13)**
- WILLIAM POEHLMAN, JR (19)**
- AL JOHN BORJAL (30)**

ADVOCATE’S COLLECTION UPDATE
THE ADVOCATE’S COLLECTION AT
LAST MONTH’S MEETING
WAS \$105 COLLECTED FOR
AID & SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY
THIS MONTH AT OUR REGULAR
MEETING WILL BE FOR
AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR MISSION

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 8747
2022-2023 OFFICERS

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM’S MEMBERS

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

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COLUMBIAN YEAR 2023-2024

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<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
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<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>
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<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>
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<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

FAMILY OF THE MONTH
COLUMBIAN YEAR 2023-2024

JULY
BILL & ANNIE HENZEL FAMILY

AUGUST
PAOLO & MONA SIOCO FAMILY

SEPTEMBER
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OCTOBER
RORY & BONG FLORES FAMILY

NOVEMBER
BILL & ANNIE HENZEL FAMILY

DECEMBER
TBDY

JANUARY
TBD

FEBRUARY
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MARCH
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APRIL
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TBD

JUNE
TBD

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
ST. ELIZABETH COUNCIL 8747 AND
ST. JOSEPH ASSEMBLY 2246
ANNUAL
POTLUCK CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 18, 2023

6:30 PM SET UP

7:00 PM DINNER

CHRISTMAS MUSIC BY
ST. ELIZABETH KNIGHT SOUNDS

PLEASE BRING A DISH OR
DESSERT TO SHARE

MERRY CHRISTMAS

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR 2022-2023

GREG DESSEL

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