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Dedicated To The Immaculate Conception



Worthy Brothers All,

December has been a very busy month. I am inspired by the selfless and charitable sharing of time, talent and treasure by the Knights of Council 9792. Our Christmas party was another well attended event, followed the next morning by the Breakfast with Santa, and one day later we held an exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity welcoming four new Knights to the Council. My heartfelt thanks goes out to the shoppers, cooks, set-up, and clean-up crews.

Our Columbus Hall decorating committee is making headway. As of the date of this composition, construction of four shadow boxes has been completed. One final coat of paint is required, and they will be ready for installation. I'll reach out for some help when needed to get awards, pictures, etc., installed. On December 31 we celebrate one of the most inspirational modern era Saints.

Saint John Bosco, also known as Don Bosco, was an influential Italian Catholic priest and educator whose compassionate approach to dealing with troubled youth continues to inspire people around the world. Born on August 16, 1815, in Becchi, Italy, Bosco's early life was marked by poverty and the early loss of his father. Despite these challenges, he felt a strong calling to the priesthood and was ordained in 1841.

John Bosco's early life was far from easy. His father died when he was only two years old, leaving his mother, Margherita, to raise him and his brothers. Bosco's mother instilled in him a deep sense of faith and charity, values that would shape his life's work. Although his family was poor, Bosco was determined to pursue an education and become a priest. He worked various odd jobs to support his studies and eventually entered the seminary.

Once ordained, Don Bosco began working in the city of Turin, where he encountered many boys living in poverty and facing various forms of exploitation. Determined to help them, he developed the Salesian Preventive System, an educational method based on reason, religion, and loving-kindness. This approach emphasized the importance of creating a supportive environment that prevented delinquency by addressing the needs of the youth through education and moral guidance.

In 1859, Don Bosco founded the Society of St. Francis de Sales, commonly known as the Salesians of Don Bosco. This religious institute aimed to continue his mission of educating and caring for poor and neglected youth.

The Salesians quickly expanded their work beyond Italy, establishing schools, technical institutes, and youth centers across Europe and later the world. In 1872, Bosco also co-founded the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, a congregation for women dedicated to similar work with young girls.

Don Bosco's tireless efforts did not go unnoticed. He became widely respected and admired for his innovative educational methods and his deep compassion for young people. Bosco passed away on January 31, 1888, but his legacy lived on through the Salesian order, which continues to operate globally, providing education and support to millions of young people.

John Bosco was canonized as a saint by Pope Pius XI in 1934. His feast day is celebrated on January 31st, and he is recognized as the patron saint of apprentices, editors, publishers, schoolchildren, and juvenile delinquents.

Saint John Bosco's life and work are a testament to the power of compassion, education and faith. His innovative approach to youth ministry and education has left an indelible mark on society, demonstrating that with love and dedication, we can make a profound difference in the lives of others.

Compassion for our sisters and brothers in Christ is dictated in the greatest commandment "Love your neighbor as yourself." As we step forward into another year let us rededicate ourselves to this anchor point of our Christian life. May God's grace touch each of you during this most blessed season.

Merry Christmas

VIVAT JESUS! Ed Udell, Grand Knight

JANUARY SCHEDULE

- **Jan 6th MONDAY • Rosary @ 7:10pm, & Council Meeting @ 7:30pm** in Columbus Hall.
- **Jan 8th WEDNESDAY • 4th Degree** (Assembly 2161) at St. Joseph's Council Home. Meal @ 7:00pm followed by meeting.
- **Jan 9th THURSDAY • Men's Morning Mass @ 7:00am**
- **Jan 20th MONDAY • Exemplification @ 6:30pm; Potluck Dinner and Fraternal Benefits Event @ 7:00pm** in Columbus Hall.

- **Jan 27th MONDAY • Officers' Meeting @ 7:00pm** in Columbus Hall.

VIVAT JESUS! Joseph Farrell, Deputy Grand Knight



Brother Knights, Relatives, & Friends



- ❖ Brother John Heeran
- ❖ Brother John Heeran's relative, Jodie Giordano
- ❖ Brother Moises Zuniga
- ❖ Brother Peter Badolato's son, David Badolato
- ❖ Brother Jim Hoene
- ❖ Brother Jim Hoene's daughter Patti Myers
- ❖ Brother Robert Morelos' wife, Carmen
- ❖ Brother Mike Rapp
- ❖ Brother David Bartnicki's parents, Mike and Pat
- ❖ Repose of the soul of Brother Brian Wilson's family friend,, Penelope Abellera
- ❖ Repose of the soul of Gary Kucera's neighbor's mother and prayers for the family
- ❖ Repose of the soul of Tony Guy and prayers for the family
- ❖ Brother Rick Cavallo's wife, Jackie Cavallo
- ❖ Brother Rick Cavallo's brother-in-law, Clay McCommon
- ❖ Brother David Bartnicki's neighbor, Lisa Kaht
- ❖ Brother Carl Swanson's wife, Joy
- ❖ Repose of the soul of David Whitton
- ❖ Repose of the soul of Deacon Fred Jones
- ❖ Repose of the soul of Margaret Skinner, mother of Brother David Bartnicki's neighbor
- ❖ Brother Keith Gaupp
- ❖ Brother Bruce Roeder's aunt. Martha Ackerman
- ❖ Jack Gero
- ❖ Joan Kennel
- ❖ Ken Holcombe
- ❖ Brother Mike Rapp's eldest son, Brian.
- ❖ Brother Rod Moore
- ❖ For peace and the people in Middle East & Ukraine.
- ❖ For the victims of ALL natural disasters.
- ❖ For our country, that we may return to civil discourse and unite to support our democracy.
- ❖ For our leaders and politicians that they responsibly govern with wisdom, integrity, respect, and compassion.
- ❖ For vocations and the clergy, religious, and

laypersons serving the Church.

- ❖ For Law enforcement • Cobb Precinct #4
- ❖ For the safe return of service personnel deployed throughout the world.

VIVAT JESUS! George Thomas, Recorder



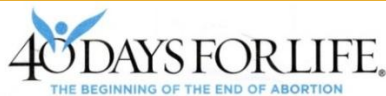
“...And he will be peace.”

So the prophet tells us. There was a good reason that the Lord waited for the, “fullness of time” to send His son incarnate into the world. All the world was “at peace” and this allowed the rapid spread of the good news. If Rome had not become the ruler of the known world and had not established a common language and a territory without borders and a legal system where citizens could appeal through an organized court system, perhaps it would have been many years before Paul would have been able to bring the Good News to Rome and even to the leaders of a corrupt society.

Nothing happened by chance. God has a plan even today. If it seems like random chance or “karma” or “luck” we deceive ourselves. God’s plan is so mysterious that we cannot comprehend how he can accomplish his will even in the midst of chaos and confusion.

Let us continue to use the great gift of our free will to further the will of God in every aspect of our lives as we pray for God’s peace throughout the world.

VIVAT JESUS! Peter Badolato, Pro Life Director



40 Days for Life Current Statistics:

- ✓ **25,252 Lives saved since 2007**
- ✓ **159 Abortion centers closed**
- ✓ **268 Abortion workers quit**
- ✓ **Marietta 40 Days for Life / 365 has 32 lives saved so far this year.**

Plans in the works for 2025 March for Life!

Even though the U.S. Supreme Court corrected its 1973 error when justices overturned Roe v. Wade in 2022, it’s just as important – in fact, probably more

important than ever – for pro-lifers to attend the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

On Friday January 24, the day of March, the annual interdenominational National Prayer Services will take place at Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. NW from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Admission is free and large groups can be easily accommodated. The service will be preceded by a Catholic Mass at 7:30 a.m.

Could one of Students for Life's "alumni" become a saint? It's possible! You see, Michelle Duppong, a former Students for Life student, is currently in the Beatification process in the Catholic Church! Sadly, Michelle passed away on Christmas Day in 2015, at the age of 31 after a year-long battle with cancer. But Michelle certainly made an impact for good even during her short time on Earth. Michelle was an active member of Collegians for Life during her time at North Dakota State University. Later, Michelle served as a missionary for FOCUS Ministries and Director of Adult Faith Formation for the Diocese of Bismarck.

Throughout her life, Michelle dedicated her time advocating for preborn children and reaching the hearts and minds of young people. Michelle had a remarkable gift for helping lead people to Jesus. She once said: "Jesus, I not only want to be a saint, but I want to be a great saint that leads others to You all for You greater honor and glory."

Michelle has been declared a Servant of God and is now in the process of potential sainthood after Bishop Kagan requested a Cause of Beatification and Canonization in 2022. Despite her suffering, Michelle was always grateful for her time on Earth. What really hits home in her story is that she is one of thousands of young people inspired by the Pro-Life Movement to go out and do good. Students for Life "alumni" don't just finish their education and then stop fighting for preborn lives. Many times, it becomes part of their life's work.

Michelle's story and mission have inspired thousands and will continue to do so. I also think of the many students whose names you'll never see in the media, but who will be written in the Book of Life for their faithfulness to protect the most vulnerable among us – the preborn.

Let us never underestimate the power young people can have. One person CAN make a difference. We all can make a difference.

VIVAT JESUS! Dave Snyder

Breakfast With Santa



Habitat for Humanity®

The 2024 Catholics for Habitat (C4H) Build appeared on pages 22 and 23 of the December 12 edition of the Georgia Bulletin. If you missed it, here is another chance to learn about the Habitat for Humanity ministry.

<https://georgiabulletin.org/news/2024/12/catholics-4-habitats-50th-build-provides-a-safe-home-for-cobb-family/>

The next Catholics for Habitat Build is scheduled to

start on September 6, 2025. I will provide further details as they become available.

We are grateful for the support that Council 9792 has provided to the Catholics for Habitat ministry. The Council has provided financial support for many years and has provided volunteer lunches for several years.

If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions regarding the Habitat ministry, please feel free to contact me at gaducati@bellsouth.net

VIVAT JESUS, Jim Nee HFCC Habitat Coordinator

Christmas Party



EXEMPLIFICATION

CHARITY, UNITY, AND FRATERNITY

New knights, Francisco Martin, Matthew Aneni, Adam Bartnicki, and Jose Flores-Hernandez



9792 HISTORY

“Dance and party into the NINETIES to the music of Don Miolla and Orchestra (Waverly Hotel Fame) at the KofC New Year’s Eve Celebration in the Holy Family Parish Center. The evening will include good music, dancing, fun, prizes, and a light champagne breakfast. Time – 9:00p.m. until ? The cost is \$40.00 per couple. What a BARGAIN for a full evening of fun. IMPORTANT!! Make your reservations now by calling....”

This was our councils FIRST New Year’s Eve Dance as advertised verbatim in our Newsletter of December 1989.

VIVAT JESUS, John Brenner, PSD

LECTURER

Brother Knights, we hope you all had a Blessed Christmas and are looking forward to a great New Year at Holy Family and our Country. Our talk for our January 6, 2025 meeting will be given by either Brother Keith or myself on subjects of interest. We hope to see you all at the meeting.

VIVAT JESUS, Brother Carl Swanson & Keith Guapp

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY 2025

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| Martin Peters | 2 nd | Lee Cullom | 17 th |
| Frank Maresca | 3 rd | Reginald Haley | 17 th |
| Luke Bartnicki | 7 th | Christopher Kane | 19 th |
| Michael Apollonio | 7 th | William Christopher | 23 rd |
| Robert Morelos | 7 th | Thomas Pohl | 24 th |
| Philip Boyle | 10 th | Jeff Kent | 26 th |
| David Etzkorn | 11 th | Carlos Aguilar | 28 th |
| Jose Avila | 12 th | James Kayden | 28 th |
| Tim Cappelto | 15 th | Richard Cavallo | 29 th |

Men's Morning Mass



THURSDAY
January 9th
 7:00am



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Please bring your donations of canned meats, fish, soup, vegetables, and fruit; pasta, rice, and beans; cereal, peanut butter and jelly, and other non-perishable goods as we are restocking our pantry. Also, please consider using the Holy Family Online Giving program to make a donation to St Vincent de Paul. Or mail checks, payable to St Vincent de Paul, to Holy Family’s address.

“We should assist the poor in every way and do it both by ourselves and by enlisting the help of others...to do this is to preach the gospel by word and by work.” • St. Vincent de Paul



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Remember your New Year's resolution to try new things?

HAPPY NEW YEAR