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Advent

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Hello Brother Knights and Families.

Here is an Advent message from the Vatican

With Advent coming during an ongoing pandemic, Christians are called to hold on to hope and foster a season of compassion and tenderness, Pope Francis said.

During Advent this year, “its lights will be dimmed by the consequences of the pandemic, which still weighs heavily on our time,” he said. “All the more reason why we are called to question ourselves and not to lose hope.”

“The feast of the birth of Christ is not out of tune with the trial we are going through because it is the quintessential feast of compassion, the feast of tenderness. Its beauty is humble and full of human warmth,” the pope said during a Nov. 22 audience with organizers and participants in a Christmas music contest. The contest was proposed and promoted by the Pontifical Foundation Gravissimum Educationis and Don Bosco Valdocco Missions association, based in Turin.

The contest invited people between the ages of 16 and 35 to produce new songs inspired by Christmas and its values: life, love, peace and light, according to the initiative’s website, christmascontest.it/en/. Contestants were competing in three categories: lyrics, music and interpretation, and the best three pieces will be performed during the 2021 edition of the annual Christmas concert at the Vatican.

The pope thanked the groups who came up with the idea for the contest, “which gives voice to the young, inviting them to create new songs inspired by Christmas and its values.”

“The beauty of Christmas shines through in the sharing of small gestures of genuine love. It is not alienating, it is not superficial, it is not evasive,” he said.

The beauty of Christmas “expands the heart, opening it up to gratuitousness – gratuitousness, a word artists understand well! – to the giving of self,” and it can also foster cultural, social and educational life and activities, he added.

Pope Francis quoted what St. Paul VI told artists during Advent in 1965: “This world in which we live needs beauty in order not to sink into despair.”

It must not be the false beauty “made of appearances and earthly riches, which are hollow and a generator of emptiness,” Pope Francis said. It must be the real beauty “of a God made flesh, the one of faces – the beauty of faces, the beauty of stories” and the beauty of “creatures that make up our common home.”

He thanked the young people, artists and other participants “for not forgetting to be custodians of this beauty that the nativity of the Lord makes shine in every daily gesture of love, sharing and service.”

God bless.

Aaron Raulin

December Birthdays!

John Tuten, Robert Lawrence, Laverne Berrinkott, Joseph Gillitzer, David Showers, Tom Nguyen, William Bates, Dennis Boland, Daniel Nytes, Tomas Thomas, Richard Raulin

Electronic version available at <http://www.stdennisparish.org/community/organizations/> scroll to KOC listing

Please pray for our seminarians Luis Reyes, Matthew Hanstad

"The future starts today, not tomorrow." Pope John Paul II.

DONT MISS EVENTS

SOCIAL MEETING – POT LUCK 2022 BUDGET PROPOSAL REVIEW

DATE Dec 14th, 2021

PLACE ST. DENNIS – Parish Center

TIMES 6:00 Rosary

6:30 Social and Dinner

Bring a dish to pass A-E Casserole or entree

F-J Fruit or Veggie Plate

K-Z Dessert

If you are fully vaccinated masks are optional: if not vaccinated, please mask up.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Your continued prayers are asked for Father Kent Schmitt, Father Dave Johannes, Roseann Rodwell (Mark's mother), Ann McCarthy, Robert and Ruth Tormey, Fr Mike Radowitz, Robert Theisen, Bill Donohue, Travis & Holly Ganser, Jim Gillitzer, Jennifer Sonder. Lyle Hassenberg, Delores Zeeh, Melissa Welch, Sarah Lipski, Norb and Mary Saba, Linda Huttenhoff, Kim Tomsyck, Sharon Stevenson, Shirley Feit, Warren Kleinfeldt, Len Hoffman, Richard Thrasher, Rachel Sodehaf, Thomas DuPlayee, Raven Clarke, Carol Melo, Christi Stutz, Aaron Grant, Jerry Thompson, Richard Connell, Tom Wildenborg, Allan and Betty Christianson, Dee Nicolai, Ellen Richter, Sylvia Schmitz, MaryAnn Vincent, Angela Kleinfeldt Hoffman, Carson Wood, Barb Arbagey, Jonah Mergen, Jack Mussey, Bailey Zuehle, Susan Jacunski, Linda Rylander, Gene Schwerdtfeger, Chris Schlegel, Kathryn Raulin, Greg Badger, Rose Davis, Barb Lindemann, Cassie Tennes, Chris Mosconi, Jim & Madge Sloane, Joy Schlieve, Kathy Bronson, Mary Lourdes (Fr Allam's Mother), Patricia Dutt (Rich Ewers' Sister), Anita Vovk, Barb Lindemann, Father Allam's Family in India, Schoenstat Sisters Gabriella, Annmarie, Virgine, Rhonda Bose, Steve Bose, Aidan Burris, Pattie Noble, Dale Esser, Bill Blaser, Richard Miller, Art Stout, the Elizabeth Christianson family and the Wayne Pickarts family, **May the healing power of the Lord be upon them!**

ST DENNIS FELLOWSHIP MASSES

Our council's schedule for St. Dennis Fellowship after masses is Sunday Dec 12 Masses. 4 – 6 people are needed on each date for snack and doughnut duties. Contact Rich Ewers at (608) 577-2714, or email at ewersr@firstweber.com

DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONIES We have dates available for us to bring in a New Member or to Advance an existing First or Second Degree Member:

Dec. 9th – Thursday @ 7pm State ONLINE Ceremony – click link [HERE](#)

Dec. 14th – **TUESDAY@6:30pm LIVE**

Madison Council 531, 5137 Verona Rd - Contact Membership Guy **Jim Schneider** at jas12au@gmail.com or call him cell at **(608) 513-8621** home at **(608) 833-7662**.

Dec. 16th – Thursday @ 7pm State ONLINE Ceremony – click link [HERE](#)

PROOGRAM & ACTIVITY CODES *

MM = Membership Meeting CH = Church Program

CM = Community Program CL = Council Program

F = Family Program FR = Fund Raiser Program

PL = Pro-Life M = Membership Program Y = Youth Program

UW Fundraising Events See Upcoming Events Schedule

December

5th	Winter District Meeting – Wisconsin Dells	MM
7th	Pearl Harbor Day	CM
8th	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	CH
12th	Our Lady of Guadalupe	CH
14th	Social Meeting	MM
17th	Pope Francis Birthday	CM
20th	A&E: 13:00 Decorate for Christmas	CH
21st	Business Meeting	MM
25th	Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	CH

January

1st	Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God	CH
6th	Epiphany	CH
17th	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	CM
18th	Social Meeting – St Dennis	MM
25th	Business Meeting – St Dennis	MM

UPCOMING EVENTS

COLISEUM CONCERT

Date	Event	Start Time	Arrival Time
Jan 14	Alabama Concert	7:00 PM	5:00 PM

UW WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - UW Fieldhouse

Date	Opponent	Start Time	Arrival Time
Dec. 3	tournament match	TBD	
Dec. 4	tournament match	TBD	

UW UW MEN'S HOCKEY – Kohl Center:

Jan 15	Ohio State	08:00 PM	6:00 PM
Jan 29	Michigan	08:00 PM	6:00 PM

Concessions for UW Events: Thanks go out to Brother Knights who have agreed to help staff the concessions opportunities we have this fall, including **UW Football, UW Women's Volleyball events.** Contact **Joel Anderson** 244-0634 or e-mail: jkander@charter.net if you can help.

HISTORY CORNER

500 years ago (1521):

Dec 27, A period of unrest in Wittenberg, Saxony, following the arrival of the Zwickau prophets, was quelled after the release of Martin Luther from custody.

200 years ago (1821):

Dec 1, José Núñez de Cáceres got the independence of the Dominican Republic of Spain and named it the new territory as Republic of Spanish Haiti.

100 years ago (1921):

Dec 6, Irish Free State is declared by the Anglo-Irish Treaty ending a five-year struggle for independence from Britain.

50 years ago (1971):

Dec 20, The international aid organization Doctors Without Borders is founded by Bernard Kouchner and a group of journalists in Paris, France.

HONORING VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS



The Knight of the Month for December is Joel Anderson.

Joel is one of our consistent volunteer warriors, a man who often will work an entire day in a concession stand as the supervisor as he does at many events. **Joel** is cool under pressure, working out front or in the background, whatever is needed, in a friendly manner that makes volunteers (new and experienced) feel great about helping out. Joel has taken on the job of recruiting, and scheduling volunteers as well as managing UW and Coliseum fundraising events this past year. **Thanks so much Joel for all you do!**



The Family of the Month for December is the Richard and Susan Miller Family. Richard and Susan Miller are active members of the parish. Both Richard and Susan are members of the Care for Creation Team, working to identify and develop infra-structure projects for parish buildings. They practice their passion for protecting the environment both at home and in their service to the parish. Susan also participates as a lector and Eucharistic minister at masses. **Thank You Richard and Susan for all you do!**



**Knights and Families of the Month for 2021
Honoring service to the Community,
the Parish and the Council**

FIELD AGENT MESSAGE

What special celebrations we have in the month of December! Our Lady's feast, the feast of the Immaculate Conception when we honor Mary as having been conceived without original sin. What an honor, too, for her mother, St. Anne, and father, St. Joachim, to have that blessing, literally the grandparents of our Lord! Then we celebrate Christmas and the Word made flesh who dwelled among us. "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." (Isa 9:5)

As we approach the end of the year, I want to thank each of you for the trust you've placed in me. I have been able to help many brother Knights and their families with the services and products that the Order has available to protect Catholic families. I consider it an honor to be able to serve you as your agent. One way I may be able to serve you better is to make sure you respond to the survey that was sent from the Supreme Office recently. While some snail mail is still delayed, you should have received it. If you like convenience you may want to complete the survey online. Please be sure to check your contact information and make sure it is correct. If you have not yet received your survey, please let me know.

Have a very Merry Christmas! Let's be thankful for all the graces and gifts that God has blessed us with, especially the gift of his Son!
Vivat Jesus!

DISTRICT MEETING Sunday, Dec. 5th from 1 – 5pm
Our **Winter District Meeting** will be held in conjunction with **ALL of the Madison Diocese Districts**. Worthy State Secretary John Huttenhoff will be hosting this meeting at the **Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells** as an extension of the Statewide District Deputy Winter Training and Meetings."



Bingo Action for All

Knights of Columbus Council 4586 ---- 2021-2022 Officers

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Recruitment

What's the best way to recruit a new member into the Knights of Columbus?

Ask a Catholic man!