

August 2023

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWSLETTER

COUNCIL #7621 - TARPON SPRINGS, FL



## KOC Corporate Mass

Family, friends and the Knights of Columbus celebrated Mass Saturday, July 17th at 4:00 PM.

**Join us Sunday, August 20th  
at 7:00AM for our next  
Corporate Mass.**

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# MASS, Installation of Officers & Dinner



St. Ignatius of Antioch Council 7621  
Tarpon Springs, Florida

## Next meeting is August 17th

MASS will be a in the Chapel at **5:30PM** with the Installation of Officers following the Mass. It will be held in the church social hall with dinner to follow at Tarpon Springs Yacht Club at 7:00PM

## DINNER AT 7:00 PM

## Tarpon Springs Yacht Club

350 N Spring Blvd, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

## \$36 / person (includes tip)

### MENU

## Slow Roasted Brisket

(w/Mashed potatoes and roasted veggies)

## Chicken Marsala

(w/Mashed potatoes and roasted veggies)

## Baked Atlantic Cod/Cajun cream sauce

(w/wild rice & Roasted Veggies)

*(includes: House salad, Bread, Dessert-Bread Pudding...Water, Iced Tea & Coffee)*

## RSVP BY : AUG. 11TH

Tickets available on website store or

← use QR code to buy tickets



# Upcoming Events

## Summer Breakfast is back!



**Sunday, August 13th**

Summer Breakfast will be served  
after the 7:00 and 9:00 AM  
Masses ONLY!

Adult = \$10 - Child = \$6 - Family of 4 = \$25 Doughnut = \$1

**Blessed Michael McGivney**

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

**August 13th - Feast Day**



**Installation Dinner**

*Thursday, August 17th*

Tarpon Springs Yacht Club

Tickets available online or use QR Code



**RSVP BY : AUG. 11TH**



**Join Us for a  
Corporate Mass**

**Sunday, August 20th at 7 AM**

Wear your KOC shirt and bring the family &  
kids to share this Mass

# Upcoming Events



## Nativity Silhouettes First Friday Tarpon

Sept 1st - 6:00 to 10:00 PM

Stop by our booth

Come & Enjoy a fun night!

## OKTOBERFEST



FOOD - MUSIC - DANCING - SILENT AUCTION

OCTOBER 13TH, 2023

**\$60 Donation**

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

715 E. ORANGE ST. TARPON SPRINGS

Call 727-798-4368 for tickets

OR use QR Code



SUPPORTS LOCAL YOUTH GRANTS

# *Spiritual Reflections*

by Fr. Joseph Paek  
Chaplain Council #7621



Jesus loves me and gave Himself for me!

*I have been crucified with Christ, and the life I live now is not my own; Christ is living in me. I still live my human life, but it is a life of faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2: 19b-20)*

Great Apostle St Paul believed and knew that Jesus, God and Lord, loved him and gave Himself for him "personally"! Yes, he lived in a life of faith in the Lord wholeheartedly. But his faith and conviction in Jesus is so strong that St Paul knew Jesus, Son of God truly loved him and died for him on the Cross personally! We also need to internalize this "reality" in ourselves. Jesus, the Savior of the world came down from Heaven to love us individually and die for us individually. If you were only human being on earth, He still would die for you on the Cross for Eternal Salvation!

St Paul says here that "Christ is living in me." Do we believe Jesus is living in us also when we are in the state of Grace?! We need to make time to be in the Presence of God in Christ through prayer daily. Only through faithful prayer life in communion with Him, we realize and experience God's infinite love for us personally.

St Ambrose said, "We speak to God when we pray. We listen to Him when we read the divine Oracle/Scripture." It is so important for us to read the Scriptures slowly and carefully so that we listen to God mindfully. We don't have to go too far to hear His Voice but opening the Bible and listening to Him in prayerful reading. When we pray with the Bible, the Word of God, we grow spiritually and our faith gets deepened. We will have the realization in our lives that "Jesus loves me and gave Himself for me!" Jesus, Son of God, help us to listen to You better in the Word of God!

## **Jesus, You Love Me!**

Jesus, You love me!

Son of God, You love me!

Son of Mary, You love me!

My Lord, You love me!

My God, You love me!

Jesus, my Savior, You love me!

Jesus, the Light of the world, You love me!

Your Love is sweeter than wild mountain honey!

Your Love is better than what this world can offer!

Jesus, thank You for loving me!

Jesus, thank You for dying for me on the Cross!

Jesus, You love me!



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# Grand Knight's Note

## Council #7621

### Sir John Donnell



## *Embracing the Brotherhood & Values of the Knights of Columbus*

My Fellow Knights,

I'm often asked why I joined the Knights of Columbus. For several years I was hounded to become a member.

After retiring from my career, I developed a sincere interest in the KOC, and learned through research & conversations with current members to admire the values, principles, and sense of brotherhood that the Knights represented. As a person who firmly believes in serving the community and making a positive impact on the lives of others, the Knights of Columbus aligned perfectly with my personal values and aspirations.

I have witnessed the remarkable contributions made by this organization towards various charitable causes, supporting the less fortunate, promoting educational initiatives, and fostering a strong sense of unity among members and the community alike.

The four pillars of the Knights of Columbus—*Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism*—are not just mere words but a way of life that resonates with me deeply. The commitment to charitable acts, both locally and globally, showcases the Knights' dedication to making the world a better place for all. The unity among members fosters a strong and supportive brotherhood that allows individuals to grow spiritually and intellectually while building a stronger Catholic Church, parish and community.

Now, as a Grand Knight, I lead some of the finest men I know, in an effort to honor Jesus Christ by trying to fulfill our purpose on earth. I implore you to join us and confirm your dedication to achieving a vibrant Catholic life with community service.

***Please consider joining our KOC organization Council #7621.***

Vivat Jesus!!

John Donnell

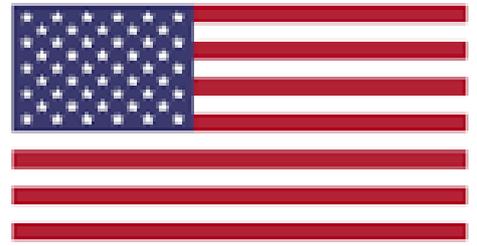
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FOURTH  
DEGREE

*Patriotic Degree of the Order*



ONE NATION UNDER GOD

*Do you know a Veteran?*

**Let's honor them and their service**

Gary Gilchrist from Honor Flight of West Central Florida will be presenting a program explaining the Honor Flight program at our Assembly meeting



**Monday, August 14th - 7:00 PM**

ALL 4th Degree members are invited to attend this program. We meet behind **St. Vincent de Paul Church** (on Mile Stretch in Holiday) at Fr. Farrell Hall

We need guardians/escorts badly for the vets on our two fall flights on **Tuesday, Sept. 12th 2023 and Oct. 24th 2023**. The only requirement is that the guardian **MUST be over 18 and under 75 and can't be a spouse of the vet they accompany**. The escort/ guardian is asked to donate \$500 for the flight. Again, the Vets fly **FREE!** Applications can be made via the internet at: **[www.Honorflightwcf.org](http://www.Honorflightwcf.org)**

**CAN YOU HELP?**

If you know a Veteran who would like to experience an Honor Flight at no cost to them or you wish to **"Welcome them Home!"** at St. Pete/Clearwater airport after the flight, please contact me at: **727-514-0049.**

Vivat Jesus!

Sir Don Tobey

Faithful Navigator

Fr. Edward J Farrell Assembly #1774



# District Deputy Note

District 37

Sir David Creamer



Brother Knights,

The new calendar year has begun, our schedules are full of events that need to be accomplished, and all we now need are the Brothers to volunteer to assist at these events to insure that we can help out our charities and to make our presence known in our parishes.

We need to get the word out that being a Knight is an admirable position that allows us to feel good about ourselves and to make positive gains in our parishes and communities.

While dealing with our pastors, we find out where the greatest needs are and what we can do to do the most good. Whether it be to provide the workforce to have a successful meal which will enable us to be more charitable while bringing our fellow parishioners together in a great atmosphere, or simply helping our around our churches to make them a better place to congregate, it is all important to be visible which may bring us new members.

Doing His work is what helps us get stronger. May God bless us all and our works during this new year.

Vivat Jesus!

David Creamer

District Deputy 37

# A Message from our Field Agent

Fellow Brothers,

I was watching television the other day and saw an advertisement with the theme “Shop Local.” The ad touted the many benefits of putting your dollars to work with businesses that are owned and operated by those folks who live and work right in your community. In addition to supporting the local neighborhood and community, the ad pointed to the personal service and the unique products one can find locally. Big box stores are great, they are convenient and provide goods at competitive prices. But many products are uniform; you can get the same thing at many other places. Their service is sometimes wanting; I can remember wandering in a big box retailer looking for help. However, when I shop at some of my favorite local spots, I always get a genuine greeting, personal help and the feeling that they really appreciate me being there and supporting them.

All this got me thinking about our local councils. The Order is doing great things in countries far and wide. We have big ideas, big plans...and they are important and have tremendous impact on making our world better. But on a local level you members are the face of the Knights of Columbus. When our local Catholic community thinks of the Knights of Columbus, I’m sure it is you members who come to mind. Our Catholic community sees all the good works you do locally. They see you volunteering to help at parish events, supporting your pastor in his needs. Local folks see you handing out coats for kids, holding fundraisers to help local families, taking the lead at sacramental events, visiting the homebound. For the Catholics in the council and in the parish—you, my Brother Knights...you, are the Knights of Columbus. You represent all that is good in our Order. When you lead with faith, protect your family, serve others and defend your values, you are a witness inspired by our founding principles.

Our Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida, highlighted many of the accomplishments from the previous fraternal year. I think we can all be justly proud of the difference the Knights of Columbus makes. Thank you for all you do! I want to congratulate you on your contribution to the Order’s success and especially for the impact you in this council have had on the local Catholic community!

Vivat Jesus,

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