

# TOGETHER IN FAITH



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**FINAL DRAWING - MARCH 20th, 2025**

## WINTER RAFFLE

**50/50 Winter Raffle is Here!**

***Tickets are \$10 each***

**\$20 for Three Tickets**

**1st Place will receive 25%**

**2nd Place will receive 15%**

**3rd Place will receive 10%**

***Have you got your ticket(s) yet?***

**Get your tickets  
Use this QR Code**



**SCAN ME**

# CONGRATULATIONS!

***Samantha Perron***

***Florida State Winner!***

**5/6 Grade**

**Keep Christ in Christmas**

**KOC Poster Contest**



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***“Thank You” for your faith and input these many years! This will be my last newsletter!***

***Don-Media Director***

***(Our new editor is Laura who will do it next month)***





# March's Happenings!

## KOC Men's Retreat-March 1st

### Men of the Parish:

Begin the year by standing with other men to sharpen your faith!



### Being Catholic in a Broken World

*Knowing. Defending. Evangelizing.*

### 15th Annual Tampa Bay Men's Conference

Featuring Trent Horn from *Catholic Answers*

**Saturday, March 1, 2025**

Higgins Hall at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Tampa

6:30AM Rosary | 8:00AM Mass | 9:00AM-3:00PM Conference Program



For tickets or more information,  
scan the QR code or visit:

[suncoastcatholicministries.com](http://suncoastcatholicministries.com)



## Lenten Dinners Start-March 7th



Dinners will be on  
March 14th, 21st, 28th  
and April 4th

**Adult (16+Yrs)= \$14 - Child (15-9 Yrs)= \$9**

*(Dinner is 2-4 oz. Cod Fillets)*

*(Dinner is 1-4 oz. Cod Fillet)*

**Kid's Deal (8 & under)=\$4 --> (1-Slice Pizza OR Mac-n-Cheese a cookie & drink)**



**KOC Corporate Mass**

**March 9th at 9:00 AM**

Wear your Council Polo Shirt and bring the family

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Turn your clocks ahead tonight!

**March 9th**

**Daylight Savings starts today**



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## KOC Regular Meeting

7:00 PM in the Hall

**March 20th**

***Winter Raffle Drawing Tonight!***

Into The Breach-Episode #3

**“The Gift of Children”**

**Thursday, March 20th - 8:00 PM**

***Join Us in the Hall***



***KOC Corporate Mass***

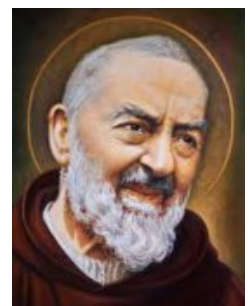
***March 30th - 11:30 AM***

Wear your Council Polo Shirt and bring the family

## ***Padre Pio Relic Event***

**Monday, March 31st 9:30 AM to 8:30 PM**

***Mass at 7:00 PM***







*Lent:  
A time  
for renewing  
faith, hope, and love!*

*- Pope Francis*

Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting  
this campaign of Christian service,  
so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils,  
we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen. *(Collect for Ash Wednesday)*

My brothers in Christ,

This Wednesday, March 5, we begin our annual pilgrimage of Lent. For the following 40 days we are invited to pray, fast, and give alms in order to be renewed in faith, hope, and love – to grow in holiness! In the opening prayer or collect from Ash Wednesday, the Church invites us to approach it like a military campaign.

How? Ephesians 6:10-18 can give us some clues. We are called to draw strength from the Lord, to put on the armor of God, to gird ourselves with Truth, to clothe ourselves with the breastplate of righteousness, to wear the shoes of the gospel of peace, to bear the shield of faith, to put on the helmet of salvation, and wield the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. As we take up battle against the evil one, we need to be armed with weapons of self-restraint.

Now is the time to plan your battle strategy! What will you do to defend yourself against the attacks of the evil one? What will be your offensive so that the victory can be one? Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are tried and true methods to grow in holiness, the pillars of sanctity. What will you do this Lent to be a good and faithful, disciplined and dedicated, loyal and courageous, honorable and selfless soldier of Christ?

May this Lent be a Jubilee of Hope for you and your loved ones!

*Fr Bill*

Fr. Bill Swengros  
Chaplain



# **District Deputy Note - District 37**

## **Sir David Creamer**

**Brother Knights,**

**With Lent coming soon, we are being reminded to get ourselves ready for this holy season in which we must do our best to show that we are deserving of the ultimate gift that Christ is giving to us, eternal life with the Holy Trinity.**

**There will be many ways that we can show how we understand the importance of His actions and what they provide for us. The opportunities to help others and to do other charitable acts will be plentiful during the coming weeks and we must take advantage of these tasks to set an example for others to show what it is to be a Knight.**

**In doing so with the right attitude, other may follow our leads and join us in serving others as Christ did for us. In this time of sacrifices, we must do our best to provide for others the opportunity to enjoy what God is leading us all towards. This is a glorious time in the Church and we must participate in as much as we can to make it even more wondrous. Helping others as we help ourselves to do God's work, what it is all about.**

**May God bless us for all that we do.**

**Vivat Jesus!**

**David Creamer**

**District Deputy 37**



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# Grand Knight's Thoughts

## Sir Phil Hoyle

**Greetings, Brothers of Council 7621!**

**We enter into the Lenten season full of hope and expectations. The three traditional practices for Lent are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Rather than give up something, I challenge you to looking at doing something instead. This aligns with supporting our parish and growing as Catholic Men.**

**During this month we will especially need everyone's help where they can to serve our fellow parishioners as we start the Lenten Friday night fish fries!! Come out to help out and fellowship with your brother knights and neighbors!!**

***“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles”***  
***LK 6:43-44***

**Would you be convicted of being a Christian? Interesting way to look at how we live our lives. As brothers in the Knights of Columbus, we gladly accept this accusation and conviction!! Our fruit is good and we are making a difference everyday!!**

**A warm welcome to our new Knights and those returning! Remember, we are here for each other—please reach out to our brothers in need.**

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Phil Hoyle**

**Grand Knight**

**Grow our Council, Support our Parish, Grow as Catholic Men in Charity, Unity, Fraternity**





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**FOURTH  
DEGREE**

*Patriotic Degree of the Order*



ONE NATION UNDER GOD

**Fr. Edward J. Farrell  
Assembly #1774**

**St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church**

**4843 Mile Stretch Dr, Holiday, FL 34690**

**Next Meeting is:**

***Monday, March 10th - 7:00 PM***

**Fr. Edward J. Farrell Social Hall**



**Did You  
Know?**

Over the past six years, through the partnership with the Global Wheelchair Mission, Knights have given the gift of mobility to over 100,000 people.

**Let's help get Wheelchairs  
for Veterans!**

**Contact:**

**Don Tobey, FN**

**at 727-815-8912**

# KOC Baptismal Program

## Saturday, March 1st:

**Nolan Tyler Moore:** is being Baptized, the officiant is Fr Daniel, & the Baptism Team is Alison and Paul Strong.

## Saturday, March 15th:

**Reese Palmer Leyendecker:** will receive her first Sacrament. the officiant is Fr Paek the Baptism team will be Dave & Katherine Creamer

## Saturday, March 22nd:

**Helena Marianne Cox:** will become a Catholic. Fr Daniel is the officiant the Baptism team will be John & Barbara Donnell.

## Want to assist??

**I'm looking to put together a Spanish speaking Baptism team.**

**You don't have to be a Knight, couples are welcome!**

**Contact:** Steve Thomas, Baptismal Chairman  
**508-320-6423**





The Knights of Columbus Council #11680 is presenting the tv program, ***"The Chosen"*** at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic church in Foynes Hall beginning **March 6, 2025 @ 4:00 PM** and every Thursday afternoon thereafter.

The Chosen is a walk through the gospels of Jesus Christ that provides both fictional and historical background for each gospel. Each episode is reviewed by three religious scholars a Messianic Rabbi, an Evangelical professor and a Catholic priest.

The showings are open to all people of all faiths and all ages. With each week's episode the Knights will provide **free of charge** popcorn, soft drinks (soda, if you prefer) and bible study guides to encourage discussion within your group. Tables will accommodate ten (10) individuals that wish to sit together and enjoy a discussion following each presentation.

We are inviting all churches in the local area to join us here at OLQP to make this a truly ecumenical event. Invite your friends, neighbors and family members whether Catholic or not to join you each week to broaden your knowledge and appreciation of God's Word.

This has been approved by the dioceses and the license has been purchased.

For more information call:

Timothy Couzins at: **407-929-7245** or the church office at: **727-849-7521**.