



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWSLETTER

— St. Ignatius of Antioch Council 7621 —

November 2025 - Issue 41



*Respect for Life Memorial Service - October 5, 2025*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1	Ministry Fair
November 2	Daylight Savings & Big Breakfast & Ministry Fair
November 4	Election Day
November 5	KC Webinar
November 7	First Friday
November 8	Veteran's Day Collection
November 9	Veteran's Day Collection
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 12	KC Webinar
November 16	Parish Picnic
November 20	KC 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Meeting
November 21	Altar Server's App. Dinner
November 27	Thanksgiving



## Baptismal Program

*Want to assist?*

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

Contact: Steve Thomas (508-320-6423)



Contact: Devin Akins (603-680-0274)

**JOIN**  
★ THE ★  
**4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE**



*Become a Sir Knight!*



Contact: Don Tobey (727-815-8912)

## SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

*"Let your light shine before others,  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven."  
— Matthew 5:16*

# **Veterans Day Collection**

## **November 8th & 9th Weekend**

**These items are absolutely needed the most!**  
**Clothes/shoes need to be **NEW!****

**CLOTHES:** Shorts (sizes 28-32), Shirts (S-2XL),  
Sweaters/Sweatpants, Pants (sizes 28-32), Tennis  
Shoes, (sizes 9-13),

**HYGIENE:** **(MEN)** 3-N-1 Body Wash, Deodorant,  
Toothpaste (FULL Size), Shaving Cream, Razors, Bar  
Soap.

**HYGIENE:** **(WOMEN)** Body Wash, Shampoo,  
Deodorant, Toothpaste (FULL-Size), Bar Soap

**FOOD:** Tuna Packets/Tuna can w/pull tabs, Individual  
Cereal packs, Hormel Complete Meals, Spaghetti  
Noodles (Pot Size), Peanut Butter, Canned Chicken &  
Roast Beef, Easy Mac & Cheese, Fruit Cups,  
Dainty-Moore, Oatmeal

**MISC:** Backpacks, String Backpacks, Dental Floss



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Columbus®**

St. Ignatius of Antioch Council 7621  
Tarpon Springs, Florida

**Start collecting items now!**  
**Drop in the bins in the front**  
**of the church in November.**

*Thank you for your generosity in helping our wounded warriors!*



# **KOC CHRISTMAS DINNER - DECEMBER 14TH**

**Cypress Run Golf Club**

**Social 5:30pm - Dinner 6:30pm**

## **\$37.50 per person**

**(INVITE FRIENDS & FAMILY TO JOIN US!)**

**FINAL RSVP Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at  
727-815-8912 (call or text)**

**Please pay prior to RSVP deadline\*  
by cash, check or on-line tickets--->**



**Entrée choice(s):**



**NY Strip Medallions w/Demi-glace'**

**Pasta Primavera (Vegetarian)**

**Butter Crumb Cod**

**ALL entrees served w/sautéed mixed vegetable & baby baked  
potatoes (Includes House salad & dessert)**

**\*(Checks, cash collected at KOC  
Oct./Nov. Meetings w/RSVP!)**



# Upcoming FBE

## ***“Smart Steps to Take Now for Your Retirement”***

Knights of  
Columbus is  
hosting two  
webinars this  
November.



## **Sign up today to learn about:**

- Sources of retirement income
- Making sense of RMDs
- Distribution Strategies

**Use the QR Code to register for the webinar**

**Wednesday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 7 - 7:30pm**

**Wednesday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 7 - 7:30pm**



*No purchase is necessary. This event is for informational purposes only and does not constitute financial, tax or legal advice.*







## DISTRICT DEPUTY NOTE - SIR DAVID CREAMER

**Brother Knights,**

**As we come upon the holiday seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, we must start to put the proper plans in place to complete all of the work that we should be doing as well as spending time with our families and being in the Church environment.**

**With all of the hustle and bustle of the next two months, we also need to set time aside to help those who need a little extra that we can help with. Even if it only companionship during a tough period where they need a friend to lean on or to ask a favor of, it is important to be there for them.**

**We would do this normally for a family member without question, but that is so important now when things get ignored and don't seem as important to us. It is critical to them at times. While still doing our continued charity work, to find time for a friend or a stranger can make the difference in making these seasons a more meaningful time for all, remembering that we are doing God's work here on earth.**

**May God continue to bless us.**

*Vivat Jesus!*

**David Creamer  
District Deputy 37**





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# GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTE - SIR PHIL HOYLE

**Brother Knights,**

As we enter this season of gratitude and reflection, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for the time, energy, and heart you continue to pour into our Council's mission. November reminds us that every act of service, no matter how small, brings us closer to living out the true spirit of charity and fraternity that the Knights of Columbus were founded upon.

## Appreciation and Fellowship

A sincere thank you to all who participated in our recent **Big Breakfast** and those serving on the **Sunday Donut Teams**. Your efforts not only help fund our charitable works but, more importantly, create a space for our parish family to come together. The **donut fellowship** after Mass has become one of our most valued ministries — a simple yet powerful way for parishioners to connect, share stories, and strengthen our sense of community. It's more than coffee and donuts; it's a ministry of welcome, hospitality, and joy. Thank you for making it happen week after week. Thanks to **Brother Devin Akins** for organizing this effort.

## Keep Christ in Christmas

As we approach Advent, we're excited to announce our annual **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children and youth to reflect on the true meaning of the Christmas season. Entries will be displayed in the parish hall, and winners will advance to the district level. Special thanks to **Brother Tony St. George** for leading this effort again this year. Knights, please help us promote this event among families and parish ministries so we can make this year's contest our best yet!

## Looking Ahead

Our next **Council Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, November 20 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. Please join us as we plan our Advent and Christmas outreach and continue to strengthen the good work of our Council. Get your tickets for our Annual Christmas Dinner!!

As we move through this month of thanksgiving, may we each remember that our service, no matter how small, shines the light of Christ in our parish and community. Thank you for all that you do — for your faith, your time, and your steadfast commitment to the Knights of Columbus and to St. Ignatius Parish.

*Vivat Jesus!*

**Phil Hoyle**  
**Grand Knight**

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



Fr. Edward J. Farrell  
Assembly #1774

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
4843 Mile Stretch Dr, Holiday, FL 34690

## Do **YOU** want to be a Sir Knight?

- 1) **Eligibility:** Be a Third Degree member in good standing
- 2) **Application:** Obtain an application from your local Assembly or Council.
- 3) **Sponsorship:** Secure a sponsorship from a **Sir Knight** in good standing.
- 4) **Exemplification:** Participate in the Fourth Degree Exemplification ceremony. This inspiring event will formally welcome you into the ranks of the **Sir Knights**.

It's Local>Here in Tampa  
Jan. 31, 2026

Deadline to turn in  
paperwork

& Fee is: **Fri. Jan. 9th**

CONTACT: Don Tobey  
Faithful Navigator

**727-815-8912**  
(Call or Text)



### Knights of Columbus FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

**REACH YOUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL**

The Fourth Degree is a group of outstanding Knights, dedicated to promoting patriotism enlightened by their Catholic faith. These Knights, distinguished by exemplary deeds for God, for country, and the Order, are united by the Fourth Degree to support religious, civic, and charitable causes.

Fourth Degree members belong to local units called assemblies. Each assembly is involved in a wide range of public patriotic activities.

Each assembly maintains a Fourth Degree Color Corps and Honor Guard. Uniformed members wearing the Official Uniform, and swords participate in special civic and religious ceremonies. For this reason, the Fourth Degree is often called the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus.

**CHARITY★UNITY★FRATERNITY★PATRIOTISM**

**ELIGIBILITY**  
To qualify for the Fourth Degree, one must:

1. Be over 18 years of age.
2. Be a member in good standing with your Council.
3. Be a practical Catholic.

For Further Information Contact:  
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Robert.S.Urrutia84@gmail.com  
<https://www.floridakofc.org/Fourth-degree-Forms>

**Jan.  
31,  
2026**

St. Mark the Evangelist Church  
9724 Cross Creek Blvd  
Tampa, FL 33647  
Registration at 9:00 AM  
Exemplification at 11:00 AM  
Banquet at 2:00 PM  
Mass at 4:00 PM

\*\*\*All applications for membership for the Fourth Degree and banquet reservations must be received by January 17





# SPIRITUAL REFLECTION - FATHER SOJAN

**Dear Friends,**

As we move through this season of autumn — when the air turns crisp, the leaves display their beauty, and the harvest is gathered in — we are gently reminded of one of life's most powerful spiritual attitudes: gratitude.

Gratitude is more than simply saying “thank you.” It is a way of seeing — a lens through which we recognize God's presence and action in all things, both big and small. To be grateful is to live with open eyes and an open heart, aware that everything we have and everything we are is gift.

In our daily lives, it's easy to focus on what's missing — the plans that didn't unfold, the burdens we carry, the prayers still unanswered. But faith invites us to look deeper. Even in moments of struggle or uncertainty, God's hand is quietly at work — guiding, shaping, and sustaining us in ways we may not immediately see.

Saint Paul reminds us, “Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Notice he doesn't say to give thanks for all things, but in all things. Gratitude doesn't deny pain or disappointment; rather, it helps us discover meaning and grace even within them.

When we practice gratitude, our hearts become lighter. We begin to see the beauty in everyday blessings — the smile of a friend, the warmth of family, the strength that comes from faith, the quiet peace of prayer. Each of these is a gentle touch of God reminding us: “I am with you.”

True gratitude also moves us to action. When we realize how much we've been blessed, we naturally want to share those blessings with others — through kindness, service, generosity, and compassion. Gratitude turns us outward; it transforms thankfulness into love.

As we enter this month of reflection and thanksgiving, let us pause each day to notice where God's hand has been present. Perhaps in an unexpected kindness, a moment of peace, a challenge that deepened our faith, or a person who reminded us of God's love.

Let us live each day with grateful hearts — for gratitude is not only the memory of the heart, it is also the language of faith. And when we learn to see God's hand in all things, we discover that even the smallest moments are filled with His grace.

**Fr. Sojan  
Chaplain**