

**COUNCIL 7621** 



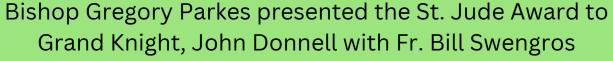
# The Year That Was 2022!





## St. Jude Award





Grand Knight, John Donnell of our parish received the St. Jude Medal Award for his outstanding service to our community during a prayer service on Sunday, October 30, 2022, at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle in St. Petersburg.

The St. Jude the Apostle Medal was commissioned by the Diocese of St. Petersburg in 1999 at the request of Bishop Robert N. Lynch. The famous Enrico Manfrini of Milan, Italy designed the medal and Senesi (the foundry) of Milan, Italy cast it. It is given each year in the Diocese of St. Petersburg as a way to recognize those persons showing distinguished and outstanding service to their parish. This medal acknowledges the great gift of the Church, its people, exemplified in these individuals who in their generosity and love of their faith have greatly contributed to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their parish.















Baptismal Program

### Council 7621 Baptism Program

In early 2022 Monsignor Pellegrino approached GK John Donnell with a request, could the Knights come up with a program to honor those individuals being Baptized into the Catholic faith? At first we had no idea what he wanted but after some research, ideas began to coalesce.

It took many months to come up with a program the Council and Parish can be very proud of, but we did finally get there. What you see pictured on the next page are the final results.

This program has been received with tremendous enthusiasm by both the parents and clergy alike. Typical comments are, "I never knew the Knights did this sort of thing" "I'm so impressed with the Knights" "thank you so much for this"

So brother Knights, this program is open to any and all who desire to participate, this includes your sons and daughters, wives or significant others. If the Holy Spirit is whispering in your ear after reading this, call or text to be part of this Ministry. Help to welcome a new soul into our Holy Faith.

Steve Thomas, Baptism team leader 508 320 6423



# Grand Knight's Note Council 7621 Sir John Donnell



Brother Knights,

Now that Christmas is over, the KOC is challenged to continue its mission of charity for those who are needy - especially windows and orphans, and our continuing obligation to St. Ignatius Catholic Church. This year, our council will be expanding its plans for young families, and our participation in spiritual events.

On 1/16/2023 we will be participating in a prayer session for Martin Luther King Day and on 1/23/2023 a Rosary for Respect Life Day. Let all our KOC members engage in these spiritual events; remembering that Christ calls on us to witness his justice through prayer and example.

For KOC members, attendance at Thursday meetings is important to lay out plans for the coming months. I hope to see you at our next meeting, January 19th.

God Bless.
Best Regards
John Donnell
GK Council #7621



## Spiritual Reflections

### Written by Fr. Joseph Paek

Chaplain Council #7621

Blessed Virgin Mary, New Eve



Mary said: "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to your word." With that the angel left her (Luke 1: 38)

Archangel Gabriel announced the Good News of the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the world, to Blessed Virgin Mary. And she questioned the angel this: "How can this be since I do not know man?" The angel gave her the answer which she needed to hear. St Gabriel said, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you." It was the work of the Holy Spirit, the third divine Person of Triune God, in Mary to bear a child, the Son of God!

Blessed Mother said yes, "fiat" in humility and had conceived a Son, Jesus our Savior. We need to learn Mary's humility and willing obedience to follow our Lord faithfully. Jesus, Son of God, came down from Heaven to do the Father's Will, even unto death on the Cross for our Salvation. Our first parents, Adam and Eve disobeyed God's command. That caused the death in human family, begun with Adam and Eve. The wage of sin is death.

By Adam and Eve's disobedience and pride, they lost Grace. Through obedience and humility of Jesus, New Adam, we have reconciled to the Father. So when we were baptized, we received the Grace, sanctifying Grace. When we are in the state of Grace till death, we have assurance to be in the Kingdom of Heaven. By Mary's humility and obedience to the Will of the Father, New Adam was born of her. And Mary became New Eve! It is fitting that she was conceived without Original Sin, Immaculate Conception, to have the Son of God in her Immaculate womb for nine months. And it is also fitting that her body and soul went up to Heaven to be with New Adam, resurrected Jesus eternally! Thank You Jesus for giving us trusting hope in eternal life and resurrection of the dead!

Jesus and Mary, New Adam and New Eve!

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Your humility shines in the dark like big torch!

Your humility is a bright light to follow in my journey!

It gives my soul strength to persevere in my difficulties!

Your obedience stands strong like powerful stony fortress!

Your obedience helps me not to be troubled by surrounding circumstances!

It gives my heart courage not to give up in my trials!

New Adam and New Eve, You are my Lighthouse in the travel of raging sea!

Your kindness and gentleness strengthen my journey of faith!













## Silver Rose Ceremony - What is it?



#### A Higher Purpose

Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lad

#### **Overview**

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe



#### A Short History

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose has been a Knights of Columbus tradition for 58 years. In 1960, groups of Columbian Squires in Mexico, Canada and the United States decided to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe by carrying a rose across North America from Canada to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. In 2001 Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, at the 119th Supreme Council Meeting in Toronto, addressed the effort in culture of life terms, referring to the Our Lady of Guadalupe - One Life, One Rose Program. He urged that it be expanded to every North American jurisdiction. In recent years the program has expanded to eight silver roses traveling the western, central, and eastern corridors of North America, with Knights of Columbus from Canada to Mexico carrying the roses from destination to destination, and finally to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico.



## District Deputy Note District 37

Sir David Creamer



Brother Knights,

Happy New Year!

As we start off the new year, we continue with the great events that got us this far. With an upcoming breakfast, we are able to be seen and to serve. The fellowship with our parish members is so important as this helps in recognizing why others may want to join us as Knights. Just coming off of the Holy season of Advent and Christmas, we should all be feeling just a little bit better than we were a month ago. The giving and helping others are important for us to grow as adults and Catholics. We have several weeks to show how we have improved before we begin Lent, which is the ultimate test whether we are worthy of the gift that God has given us, as He gave up His mortal life for us. Let us continue to be the good Christians that we are and spread His great message by doing our best and giving of ourselves.

Vivat Jesus! David Creamer District Deputy 37

## Fun, Food & Fellowship





**Chef Steve T - Cinnabons** 



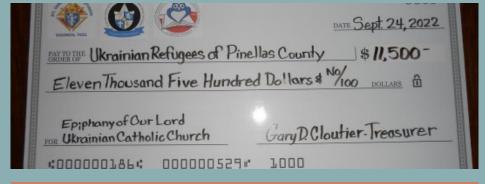
Doughnut Day











### Ukrainian Dinner









Tony St. George and Marco Sandusky, co-chairs for the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest for St. Ignatius children, ages 5-14, is back, bigger and better in its second year with kick-off of the new season on 10/31.

Materials were provided by KOC Council #7621 with the posters to be entered by December 16th. Judging has been completed and the winners will be announced Jan. 15th after BIG Breakfast from 11:00 to 12 noon. Come and congratulate all who participated this year. Prize monies will be awarded at the ceremony. The 1st place winners will go on to the State KOC "Keep Christ on Christmas" contest.

Our thanks to all who helped, encouraged and judged these fantastic posters.

## Nativity Silhouettes







Nativity Samples

First Friday

Ministry Fair







Buying?

2nd First Friday

KOC Helpers