

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWSLETTER

COUNCIL #7621 - TARPON SPRINGS, FL - 6/2024



*Don't Forget,  
Sunday, June 16th!*

## Happy Father's Day Dads!

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*Thank You  
John!*

*...for three great years  
as our Grand Knight*

# What's Happening this Month!



***“Why you should share your Faith”***

**Thursday, June 6th at 8PM in the Hall**

## Join us Thursday, June 20th



St. Ignatius of Antioch Council 7621  
Tarpon Springs, Florida

Business Meeting in the hall

**7:00 PM**

***“Become a Knight - Find out how!”***

## Final “Into the Breach” Episode #12

**follows the KOC Meeting - June 20th - 8:00 PM**

***“The Meaning of Life”***

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## Prayer for Fathers

*Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, his foster father. Bless all fathers and grandfathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience, give them ability to love in a way that reflects your love. Support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation. Help us to love them in a way that would bring honor to You and them. Bless all fathers who are living and grant eternal rest to our fathers you have called from this life to yourself, through Jesus Christ Lord. Amen.*

My dear brothers,

During this month of June we offer special prayers for our fathers. May they follow the example of Saint Joseph, ever in love with his beautiful bride Mary, ever in love with his adorable son Jesus, the Christ. Help them to share Joseph's faith, love, joy, purity, humility, gentleness, fortitude, and courage. We pray especially for those who are struggling with the burdens of life, who find themselves separated from their children, or who have simply lost their way. May they know the love of God and our loving support. May our deceased fathers know our gratitude and may they rest in the peace of Christ.

God has blessed our Council in many ways this year. We have accomplished a great deal thanks to our wonderful and dedicated leadership and the army of faithful volunteers. While there is still much to do, we have accomplished so very much, thanks to you and thanks be to God!

As we look to next year, it is important that we all recommit ourselves. The new year will provide us with many new opportunities to grow in grace, build healthy families, and support our wonderful St. Ignatius of Antioch parish family. Our success depends upon the efforts of each and every one of us. Just as a battle cannot be won due to the efforts of a general, so we need every member of our council to become involved. This is an important year as we celebrate the Eucharistic Revival and the Holy Year. What are your hopes and dreams for our parish? What are your hopes and dreams for our Council? What are your hopes and dreams for your family? What are your personal hopes and dreams for the coming year? What might you do to make those dreams a reality? Let God dream and work in you!

As we journey through June, know you are in my thoughts and prayers. May St. Joseph always be your companion and guide!

Fr Bill

Fr. Bill Swengros  
Chaplain



St. Ignatius of Antioch Council 7621  
Tarpon Springs, Florida

# Grand Knight's Note

## Council #7621

### Sir John Donnell



Dear Brothers,

The end of the trail under my leadership is coming quickly now. New officers will take over the reins at the end of June. Together, Brothers, we have accomplished a great deal the past three years, and there is still much more yet to do. I am not leaving the KOC, but turning leadership over to much younger and energetic leaders.

Please attend the June meeting and the August 8th Officers installation celebration to meet and get to know these fine Catholic family men.

Until then I'll borrow some lyrics from a very famous entertainment couple: ***"Happy trails to you, until we meet again"***; Some trails have been happy, and others blue; It's the way you ride the trail that counts. It started on a day that we met Jesus. He came into our hearts and then he freed us for a life of service. You've made it a wonderful ride for me, and hopefully it's been a happy trail for you too.

God Bless You my Brothers.

Vivat Jesus!

Sir John Donnell

Grand Knight



# **District Deputy Note**

District 37

Sir David Creamer



Brother Knights,

Doing charitable works and spreading God's word through our actions as Brothers – that is what the Knights of Columbus is all about. As we close this year, we are able to look back at a long list of accomplishments that we should be proud of. Our outgoing officers led us well and made us shine in our parishes. Being a focal point isn't the most important thing that we strive for, but getting the proper results is. Through breakfasts and dinners, we served our fellow parishioners and made them aware of the Knights and what we do. This also enabled us to collect some profits which we were able to pass out to the various groups in need. All of this is vital as well as us trying to reach out to others and have them join us as fellow Knights. We must always be thinking of the future, whether it is the next event or who will be helping out at it. Continue to be a true Knight at all times so that those around us know what we stand for.

May God continue to bless us all.

Vivat Jesus!

David Creamer

District Deputy 37





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**FOURTH  
DEGREE**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

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

**St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Holiday, FL**

**Next meeting is Monday, June 10th at 7:00PM**

Brothers and Sir Knights,

Thank you to the Third Degree brothers from St. Vincent de Paul Council #6476 and the Fourth Degree Sir Knights Color Guard to honor all our deceased Veterans and Knights this Memorial Day.



***ALL 4th Degree Sir Knights are “Welcome”!***



# Congratulation to our Altar Servers!



**“Thank You”** for your service!



## **KOC Baptismal Program**

This June, we have four children who will be baptised as Catholic.

### **Saturday, June 8th:**

**Joanna DeMeo.** *The Officiant will be Deacon Mike. The Baptism team is Vince Huth and Ms Kryssia Galante.*

### **Saturday, June 15th:**

**Yelleni Pedraza Rivera.** *The Officiant is Fr. Bill Swengros. The Baptism team is Paul and Alison Strong.*

### **Saturday, June 22nd:**

**Hadlee Sloat and Jason DeWolf:** *The Officiant is Fr. Bill Swengros. The Baptism team is Paul and Lela Biggins.*



# A Message from our Field Agent

Brothers,

This month is Father's Day. Every year at this time, I think of my father and all the father figures I've had in my life – spiritual fathers like the great priests who have helped shape me into who I am. My membership in the Knights of Columbus has given me incredible examples of men who have dedicated their lives to the service of others and in their example, made me a better man.

Being a Knight truly is to live a life of service. To give of one's self.

When I think about the many ways our Order contributes to our parishes and to our communities, I'm reminded of what St. Paul tells us about giving: "Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7).

"A cheerful giver" – that perfectly describes what it means to be a Knight.

As a Knights of Columbus field agent, I see in my daily life how Knights give of themselves with joy. When a brother Knight chooses to protect his family through Knights of Columbus insurance, he does so out of love. He wants to make sure his loved ones are taken care of when he's gone.

And I remind him that he's not only protecting his family. He's furthering the charitable mission of our Order.


That's what sets Knights of Columbus apart. Members who've purchased a Knights of Columbus insurance product or invested with Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors are doing business with an organization that aligns with their Catholic faith.

Through the business activities and the contributions of state and local councils, Knights of Columbus was able to donate more than \$185 million to charity last year alone. That doesn't even include the nearly \$21 million distributed through Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund via grants by donor clients.<sup>1</sup> To be a Knight is to be part of a culture of giving – and in terms of business, it's a culture that turns insurance premiums into charitable impact.


Whether it's supporting new mothers in need, delivering Coats for Kids, bringing relief after natural disasters, or supporting seminarians, the number of people who depend on our help is countless. And the extent of our reach would not be possible without our insurance program.

As the Fraternal Year comes to a close, I want to congratulate you all for the many successes you've achieved as a council. When we come together under our principles of charity, unity and fraternity, we truly make a great impact.

Thank you, and I wish all of the fathers here many blessings this Father's Day.  
Vivat Jesus!




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**Our Workday!**



**Thank  
you to all  
that  
helped  
today!**



**Saturday, May 4th**