

# TOGETHER IN FAITH



St. Ignatius of Antioch Council 7621  
Tarpon Springs, Florida

Happy New Year  
**2025**

**FINAL DRAWING TO BE MARCH 20th, 2025**  
**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?***

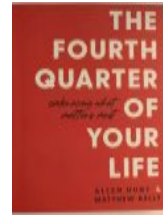
Ask a Knight -**OR**- Go to [www.kocignatius.org/store](http://www.kocignatius.org/store)

# What's Happening This Month!

## **Fr. Bill's Book Discussion**

"The Fourth Quarter of Your Life: Embracing What Matters Most", by Allen Hunt and Matthew Kelly. **Fridays at 10 am, January 10th-February 28th.**

Email: [igniteyourfaith@ignatius.net](mailto:igniteyourfaith@ignatius.net) to register.



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St. Ignatius of Antioch Council 7621  
Tarpon Springs, Florida

Regular KOC Meeting **January 16th  
7:00 PM in the Hall**

## **INTO THE BREACH VIDEO SERIES**

***"INTO THE BREACH: THE  
MISSION OF THE FAMILY"***

**(5 monthly meetings Jan.- May)**

JOIN US AS CATHOLIC MEN TO  
HELP US GROW AND DEVELOP  
FAMILIES THAT LEAD LIVES OF  
FAITH AND VIRTUE IN TODAY'S  
WORLD.



**Begins Jan. 16th  
after the KOC Meeting at  
8:00PM**

Go to: <https://www.kocignatius.org/into-the-breach-1>



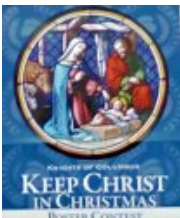
**BIG Breakfast is BACK!**

Sunday, January 19th

**8:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

**Adults=\$10, Child=\$6,**

**Family of four(4)=\$25**



**Keep Christ in Christmas Awards Ceremony**

**Sunday, Jan. 19th at 11:00 AM**

# What's Happening This Month!



**Monday, Jan. 20th**

*MLK Day Mass*

**7:00 PM**

**Wednesday, Jan. 22nd**

**KOC Respect for Life Mass**

**7:00PM**



**FREE**

**HEALTH SCREENINGS**

**Saturday, Jan. 25th**

**8:00 AM to 11:30 AM**

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT!**

**727-939-6404**

Continental Breakfast & Lunch provided

**OneBlood Mobile will be on site**



12th Annual  
**MEN'S ONLY MORNING**  
Saturday, January 25th, 2025 | 8:00am - 11:30am  
St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church Hall  
826 East Orange Street | Tarpon Springs, FL

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council #7621.  
When it comes to your health and wellness, no matter your age or stage of life, we want to be your partner and help you take an active role in living a longer, healthier life. Join us for a free, fun-filled morning of men's health screenings, a panel discussion with our physician experts, and door prizes. The OneBlood Mobile will be on-site. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

**Free Event!**  
727-939-6404  
AdventHealthNorthPinellas.com  
Reservation Required. Space is Limited.



AdventHealth  
North Pinellas



**KOC Corporate Mass**

**Sunday, January 26th**

**9:00 AM**

**Wear your KOC Polo Shirt!**





***"The grace of a Jubilee is to throw open,  
to open hearts to hope.***

***'Hope does not disappoint!'" (Rm 5:5)***

***Pope Francis 24 XII 12***

My brothers in Christ,

On Christmas Eve, our Holy Father inaugurated the Jubilee Year, opening the Holy Doors in St. Peter's Basilica. In doing so, he invited us to open the doors of our hearts to Him! He said "the door of God's heart is always open, let us return to Him! Let us go back to the heart that loves and forgives us! Let us be forgiven by Him; let us be reconciled with Him! God always forgives! He forgives everything. Let us allow ourselves to be forgiven by Him!" (*Urbi et orbi*, 24 XII 12). This is the message of Jubilee: God loves us; God forgives us; God is calling us home, to grow in holiness, to enter the door of mercy! Of course this means we must not only be open to His mercy, we must be merciful to others.

Pope Francis chose "Pilgrims of Hope" as the theme for this Jubilee Year. He noted that the world is in need of hope and Jesus is our Hope! How can we grow in hope? Here are some ideas:

- 1) Ask God for the gift of Hope. He will never refuse to share this gift! Then start looking for it. Once you do, you'll see signs of hope everywhere! Make a commitment to see at least one sign of hope each day!
- 2) Commit to being a sign of hope to another person each day. How? Commit to share one random act of charity each day.
- 3) Grow in Hope. Hope grows where faith and love abound. Make a commitment to pray every day, read a little from the Bible every day, and attend Mass at least every weekend if not every day.
- 4) Go to confession at least at least once a month. You will find that it really helps you in your journey of faith.
- 5) Attend Eucharistic Adoration as often as you can. He is waiting for you!
- 6) Participate in a Bible Study, Prayer Group, or Book study. Grow in your faith!
- 7) Be more involved in the Knights, attending meetings and participating in the events. The Knights of Columbus are wonderful pilgrims of hope! You may also want to volunteer with other ministries as well such as our Food Pantry, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Faith Formation ministries, or one of the Liturgical Ministries. It will be a blessing to you and to your family and those you serve!

"Hope does not disappoint!" (Rm 5:5). May this Jubilee Year truly be one of great Hope for you and your loved ones.

*Fr Bill*

Fr. Bill Swengros  
Chaplain



# **District Deputy Note - District 37**

## **Sir David Creamer**

**Brother Knights,**

***Happy New Year!***

**With the stressful, but fulfilling season of Christmas past us now, let us prepare for the next half of our calendar year and plan to accomplish as much as we can to meet ur goals of spreading His word through our actions and charitable works.**

**We are bolstered with the great feelings that come out of Christmas, and we come up with ideas to help others through the coming hard times before we begin to prepare for Lent and the good that it brings.**

**These seasons give us reasons to gather and to be able to help others out which is the most basic act of being Catholics. But us being seen doing these events and being leaders is what catches others attention and makes some men want to be Knights also. We can always use more help and new memberships can make it easier to get done what we are trying to accomplish. Being seen as helpful servants of God is a great goal for us to achieve and can help us out in the future.**

**May God bless us all 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!

What a year it has been! So many positive changes, and through it all, our beliefs and principles have stayed strong. Thank you for supporting my top priorities as a council—we have achieved them with flying colors. A special shout-out to the Gregors for making our Christmas Party a huge success. It was a true team effort thank you to all involved!

A big thanks to Don Tobey and his committee for leading our silhouette campaign and to Tony St. George and his committee for the Keep Christ in Christmas contest. If you haven't seen the submissions, our parish youth showed incredible artistic talent.

As we reflect on the past year, let's remember we cannot rest on our accomplishments. Our community needs our help more than ever. While we celebrated the birth of Christ in December, let's approach the new year with renewed hope.

### Upcoming Events:

**Men's Health Event:** January 25th. Let's come together to support our community.

**Big Breakfasts:** Continuing this month—don't miss out!

**Spiritual for Men Program:** Resumes this month to help us grow as Catholic men.

***“For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.” — Proverbs 2:10***

Welcome to our new Knights, and welcome back to 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<





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**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**

# **We Honored the Firefighters!**



**Station #12 Holiday, FL**

**Next Meeting is: *Monday, January 13th***

**7:00 PM in the Hall**

For more information, Contact Don Tobey, FN

at **727-815-8912**



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What is the Patriotic Fourth Degree? Are you a citizen, a veteran, a first responder or current member of the military? If so, you certainly understand the concept of Patriotism. You recognize that it's your duty to continually guard against the erosion of freedoms that we enjoy. Freedom is **NOT** free.

If you are currently a member of the Knights of Columbus and have completed exemplification of the Third Degree, you are able to join the Patriotic Fourth Degree.



**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.

### 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.

**CHARITY★UNITY★FRATERNITY★PATRIOTISM**

For Further Information Contact:

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407-486-7883

Robert.S.Urrutia84@gmail.com  
<https://www.floridakofc.org/January-Exemplification>

**January  
25,  
2025**

St. Sylvester  
Catholic Church  
6464 Gulf Breeze Parkway  
Gulf Breeze, FL 33563

**Contact Don Tobey, FN at 727-815-8912**





# KOC Baptismal Program

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

**Sunday, January 5th: 11:30 AM Mass**

**Michael Bruno Gallelli.** *The Officiant will be Fr. Bill. The Baptism team is to be determined.*

**Saturday, January 11th:**

**Preston Dean Koesler & Ethan James Koesler.** *The Officiant will be Deacon Mike. The Baptism team is Vince Huth and Shannon Collins.*

**Saturday, January 25th:**

**Olivia Rose Dziedzic.** *The Officiant is to be determined. The Baptism team is Dave and Barbara Cardinal.*

***Want to assist??***

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

**Contact:** Steve Thomas, Baptismal Chairman

**508-320-6423**

# Next Month's Happening!



**BIG BREAKFAST IS BACK!**

**Sunday, Feb. 2nd**

**8 AM to 1:00 PM**

**KOC Corporate Mass**

**Sunday, Feb. 9th**

**7:00 AM**



**Don't Forget! - Feb. 14th**

*Happy Valentine's Day*



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**FEBRUARY 20TH**

**Into The Breach - Family**

**Men's Spiritual Group - 8 PM**

Session Two