



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWSLETTER

— St. Ignatius of Antioch Council 7621 —

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Remember our Veterans

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 04 KC Coffee & Donuts
- May 11 Mother's Day
- May 12 KC Fourth Degree Meeting
- May 15 Business Meeting & "Into the Breach"
- May 17 KC Corporate Mass
- May 18 KC Pancake Breakfast
- May 24 Veteran's Collection
- May 25 Veteran's Collection
- May 26 Memorial Day



Baptismal Program

Want to assist?

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

Contact: Steve Thomas (508-320-6423)



KC CORPORATE MASS

St. Ignatius of Antioch Council 7621

SATURDAY
MAY 17 • 4PM

*Wear your KC shirt
& bring your family!*



— INTO THE — BREACH

Join us in the hall on May 15th at 8pm!

Contact: Mike Moraca (813-313-6483)



Join Us to help Habitat 4 Humanity in Tarpon Springs

Saturday, May 3rd

NEEDED: 10-15 VOLUNTEERS FOR LANDSCAPING

LOCATION: 505 MLK JR. AVE. Tarpon Springs

FIRST-TIME Volunteers
use QR Code to register



RETURNING Volunteers
use QR Code to register



St. Ignatius of Antioch Council 7621
Tarpon Springs, Florida



St. Ignatius of Antioch Council 7621
Tarpon Springs, Florida

GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTE - SIR PHIL HOYLE

Greetings, Brothers of Council 7621!

As we continue through the post-Easter season, we are reminded of the joy and hope brought to us by Christ's Resurrection. Let us carry this spirit of renewal into all that we do — for our families, our parish, and our community. Thank you to all who made our Lenten Dinners a resounding success! While we provided a delicious meal, we also enjoyed each other's fellowship and Fraternity.

It is with profound sadness that we join the worldwide Catholic community in mourning the passing of Pope Francis. His humility, compassion, and devotion to the Gospel have left an indelible mark on the Church. We offer prayers for the repose of his soul and thanksgiving for his years of faithful leadership. Let us honor his legacy by renewing our commitment to living out the Gospel with joy, mercy, and action.

Now more than ever, Catholic men are called to stand firm in faith, hope, and charity. The world needs the witness of men who are grounded in Christ's love and committed to service. Whether it's mentoring the next generation, strengthening our families, or building a stronger parish, your active participation in the Knights makes a real difference. Invite a friend, a brother, a son — there is no greater time to step into the mission God has given us.

"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." — 1 Corinthians 15:58

Let us continue to be visible signs of Christ's presence in our parish and beyond.

Vivat Jesus!

**Phil Hoyle
Grand Knight**

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



DISTRICT DEPUTY NOTE - SIR DAVID CREAMER

Brother Knights,

With Easter Sunday behind us and Pentecost still ahead—which will conclude this Easter season—we still have plenty of time to do charitable acts. Through these acts, we can express our gratitude to the Lord for His great sacrifice, which opened our lives to the possibility and reward of eternal life with Him.

Our calendar year does not conclude until the end of June. We must stay focused on our mission to do as much good as possible in our parishes and to actively welcome new members into our organization.

There are always simple jobs that we can do to show our importance in our parishes. By setting these examples, we can inspire others to join us and continue growing as respected Catholic men and members of the Knights.

We should take pride in what we do and the help we provide, knowing that we are doing our best for the good of all. The work of the Knights is never truly finished. We must continue to spread our influence so that God's word can reach more people. Let us make our presence known with purpose and conviction.

May God bless us for all that we do.

Vivat Jesus!

**David Creamer
District Deputy 37**

CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF *Mary*



***“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.
For he has looked upon his handmaid’s lowliness;
behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.
The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.”***

- Luke 1:46-49

My dear brother Knights,

In May we honor all the mothers we know and love as well as our Blessed Mother. Mary was chosen by God before time to become the mother of Jesus Christ and just before Jesus died for us and our salvation, He entrusted His Mother to us. For all eternity she prays and intercedes for us. During this month, join me in pledging to pray the Rosary each and every day. You will find it to be a great blessing to you and your loved ones. Be sure that you don’t “say” the Rosary but truly “pray.” To do so, be sure to meditate on the mystery before uttering the Lord’s Prayer. They form a mini-compendium of the Bible. I also find it helpful to offer a special intention either for each decade or for every bead. Finally, it is not a speed contest. It is better to pray one “Ave Maria” well than to rush through five decades as if it were a race. Make the time to sit at the feet of our Blessed Mother and join her in prayer to our Good and Gracious God!

As you may have heard, Bishop Parkes has graciously offered me the opportunity to retire a few years early. My last day will be June 30. It has been a great joy to serve as pastor of St. Ignatius and to serve the Lord alongside such an amazing Council of Knights. While I am saddened at the thought of leaving our St. Ignatius of Antioch parish family, I am excited to begin a new chapter of priestly service to the Lord and His People as a retired priest. I also feel blessed that I will be able to enjoy more time with my family and friends in the future. Unlike so many, my parents and siblings are all still alive and well. I really want to enjoy more time with them while I am still able. God willing, like Monsignor Joe Pellegrino, I’ll be able to return to St. Ignatius to offer priestly service as needed for years to come.

During this time of transition, I ask your prayers for me and our beautiful parish. Be assured I am praying for you.

In His Peace,

Fr. Bill

Fr. Bill Swengros
Chaplain



Fr. Edward J. Farrell
Assembly #1774

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

Next Meeting is: Monday, May 12th 7:00 PM



Mission 53
June 10th

Thanks to **Councils 7621 & 6476**
and **Assemblies 1774 & 2882** who
helped raise the \$1500 for the
ten (10) NEW Wheelchairs to
replace the 15 year old
wheelchairs they currently use.

Unloading NEW Wheelchair



Van full of Wheelchairs



MAY 24TH – MAY 25TH

**HELP OUR WOUNDED
VETERANS**



These heroes (Male & Female) are in need of basic supplies:

CLOTHES: Underwear, T-shirts, Socks, Flip-flops (shower shoes)

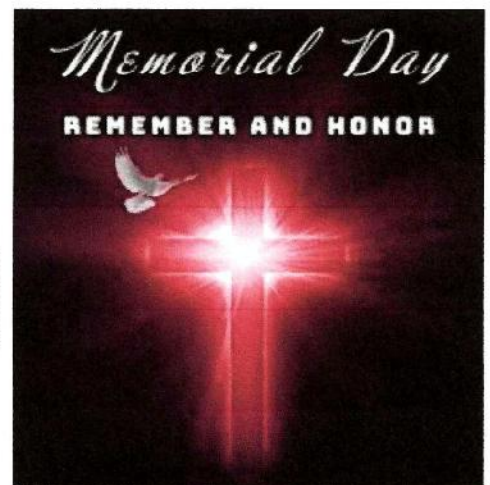
TOILETRIES: Shampoo, Conditioner, Lotion, After-shave, Razor Blades, Nail Clippers, Combs, Hair Brushes, Make-up, Perfume, Lipstick, & Eyeliner

ENTERTAINMENT: Pens & Pencils, Notepaper, CDs, DVDs, Video Games, Stereo/TV Headsets, and books: Word Search, Sudoku, Seek-n-Find and Crossword puzzles

FOOD: Canned meat products

***(Please leave inside front of
Church at Mass)***

Start Collecting Items Now!





KOC #7621 BAPTISMAL PROGRAM

In early 2022 Monsignor Joseph Pellegrino approached WGK 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 are the 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, just what does Council 7621 do at a Baptism? We have Baptism teams of two. Being part of a team is open to any and all who desire to participate, this includes your sons and daughters, wives or significant others. You need not be a Knight, its open to any member of the Parish.

The teams will set up the Baptismal font, add the water to be blessed, put out the Holy Oils, Baptismal garment and candles. The Baptism teams do everything the Priest or Deacon needs to perform the Rite of Baptism.

The Knights supply a custom decorated shell to be used in the Baptism (see photo above). The council also supplies the Baptismal garment or bib along with Rosary beads for the mother and the father. At the conclusion of the Rite, the shell and rosary beads are presented to the child and parents. The Baptism team then reads a short script thanking the parents for presenting their child to the Church to receive Jesus Christ.

What makes it special is the custom-made Baptism Shell, these are individually created by the Council. When we first started this program, we used local artists to create these items. Since that time, we have come up with a way to create them ourselves, no artistic talent needed.

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It's now a cut and paste operation, I like to say that all the skills to produce these you learned by the 3rd grade. I've now taught others on this procedure and it's quite easy. It is time to share this program with our Brother Councils.

As far as the Baptismal Garment and Rosary Beads are concerned, we are blest to have a Rosary makers group at our Parish. The Council supplies the funds; they supply the Rosaries we need. It adds a nice touch to know that the Baptismal garment and Beads were crafted by members of the Parish. If your Parish doesn't have a Rosary makers group, these items are readily obtainable from commercial sources.

After reading this article, if you think it's something you would like to do at your Parish, there are two steps. First, get your Pastor's approval. Secondly, contact me and I will supply all the information needed to produce the custom Baptism Shells.

I'm more than happy to speak to anyone who calls, I can fill you in on any details I might have missed in this article.

-Steve Thomas, Baptism Team Leader, Council 7621

