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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA COUNCIL 7399

Gentlemen, Brothers & Friends:

An Important Message from Your Trustees
Important Notice About Upcoming Council Elections

Our current worthy Grand Knight, has communicated that he will not be seeking the Grand Knight position for the next Fraternal Year. We would like to thank him for all he has done this past year.

The trustees have been requested to fill this vacancy and though it appears to a daunting task, we are offering the following as a way of lessening the load on our next Grand Knight. **Jay Heather has agreed to be the Deputy Grand Knight** and work hand-in-hand with the new Grand Knight in not only, consultation but in splitting up certain duties with our next Grand Knight over the next year. As you know, he has served in the Grand Knight's role three other times in past history but he will NOT take an additional term as the Grand Knight. If you have any interest in being the Grand Knight or any other role in our Council, please reach out to Jay (904) 860-4860 or the other Trustees, Renato Sciumbata (Renato_S@comcast.net) or Cliff Plante cjplante@msn.com.

Hole-in-One Monitor Volunteer Request - Monday, February 26

The Guardian Catholic School's big annual fund raiser golf tournament is on Monday, February 26. They are requesting that members of the Knights of Columbus volunteer as Hole-in-One monitors for their HIO contest. The tournament and contest will be held at Timuquana Country Club. If you are able to volunteer your time, please reach out to our District Deputy, Tom Scherch (M) 904.614.4009, (E) troubleshooter01@comcast.net.

Volunteers should plan to arrive around 8:30 am. Tee-time is 9:30am so they need to be there in advance to be advised of the rules and get transported to their assigned hole on the course. Hole monitor time will go through approximately 1:00 pm.

Breakfast sandwiches, or other breakfast foods, and beverages will be available. Volunteers are invited to stay for lunch at the end of the tournament. Snacks and beverages will be available to volunteers on the course. Time for bathroom breaks will also be provided.

Memorial Mass & Luncheon for Brother Ron Guzman - Wednesday, February 28, 11:00 am

Brother Ron Guzman was being cared for by the folks at Plymouth House in Jacksonville. While there, the Knights of Columbus conducted efforts to provide Ron with clothing and shoes. In December, when Faithful Navigator, Tom Scherch, reached out to contact Ron, he was informed that Ron had passed away. For some time, his body could not be located. After some investigation by Brother Knights, Ron's body was located at a funeral home where it was to be cremated. Ron's family has not been forthcoming, and no formal service had been planned. So, the Assembly, led by Tom has organized a Memorial Mass and Luncheon for Ron. The service will be Wednesday, February 28 at 11:00 am. The Color Corps will be assisting. There will be a luncheon immediately following the service. Brother Bill Kennedy and Eric Gedult von Jungenfeld will

be

lectors.

Family Prayer Night for Families - Wednesday, February 28 7:00 pm

This year the Parish and Knights of Columbus are celebrating the “Year of the Family” to promote parish fellowship, family values, and family prayer. As part of this celebration, the Knights of Columbus is hosting a Family Prayer Night celebrating traditional Catholic family values on Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm in the Adoration Chapel. The evening will be one of prayer and reflection based on our beliefs in the sanctity of marriage, the important part that family plays in our lives, and the attack on both from forces in our country. You will enjoy this evening of prayer. All are welcome.

Renewal of Obligations Ceremony - Tuesday February 27, 6:30 pm



In Lieu of our February meeting, the Assembly will hold our Annual Renewal of Obligations ceremony led by Sir Knight Peter Sikora. The ceremony will be February 27th, with Dinner at 6:30, with the ceremony following. Attire is Color Corps uniform for Color Corps members, coat and tie for all other Sir Knights. Spouse or a guest is welcome. The Assembly will provide the meat. Attendees are requested to bring a side to share, if so inclined.

Looking

Ahead...

Relic Tour of St. Jude the Apostle - March 2 - 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm

All are invited to join the Diocese for an uplifting and inspiring event, the Relic Tour of St. Jude the Apostle, on March 2 at St. Joseph, 11730 Old St. Augustine

Rd, in Jacksonville. A special Mass will be celebrated in St. Jude's honor at 1:00 p.m. Immediately following Mass, the public veneration of Saint Jude's relic will begin until 8:00 p.m. Millions of people have experienced St. Jude's intercession in times of adversity and need. For complete details about the event, please visit apostleoftheimpossible.com.

The Color Corps from Assembly 3154 has been invited to participate as honor guard for the relic in two-hour shifts. **Color Corps should contact the Color Corps Commander if able to participate.**

Second Monthly Bingo - March 2

Just a reminder that Bingo nights have been moved to Saturdays during Lent. The second Bingo of the Month will be Team "A." Grand Knight, Lou Manz, will be the caller. If you would like to volunteer to help at our Bingos, please contact Clifford Plante or Christopher Hutter. They can always use additional help!

"Live" Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity – March 6 - 6:30 pm

The Membership Committee is actively contacting potential candidates recruited from January's Recruiting Drive to invite them to attend our next Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity. If you know of an interested candidate, please contact the Grand Knight (M) 561.801.2924. The Exemplification will take place on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 pm in the Church. **Candidates should arrive by 6:15 pm.** Family and friends are encouraged to attend this beautiful event. Knights of the Council who have not yet reached the Third Degree should plan to attend to reach full Knighthood at this new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Introductory COR Meeting - Saturday, March 9 - 9:00 am

I look forward to kicking off the Council's COR meetings. Cor is Latin for

'heart' and it is the Knights of Columbus' current undertaking to help our members continue in their faith formation and become better men, husbands, fathers, grandfathers, parishioners, friends and neighbors. All members and men of the parish are not only invited, but are ENCOURAGED to attend. Meetings will be every second Saturday of the month starting at 9:00 am. The meetings will consist of Faith Formation (*Into the Breach*), Prayer (Divine Mercy Chaplet), and Fellowship (coffee and donuts). The Council will provide coffee and donuts. We will use the Knights of Columbus program entitled *Into the Breach* as our guide.

Patriotic Exemplification - March 9

Ever considered becoming a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus? The Patriotic Exemplification is the step that must be taken to advance to the 4th Degree. The next Patriotic Exemplification will be Saturday, March 9. The event will take place at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Parrish, Florida. There are events planned for spouses, including a Ladies Tea and Exemplification Banquet. Paperwork and fees must be sent to the State Council by March 1. For more information go to [Fourth Degree Exemplifications \(floridakofc.org\)](http://floridakofc.org)

Assembly Dues Now Due

Dues for the Assembly Year are now due. Dues notices have been sent out via email. If you did not see this in your inbox, check your junk folder. If you did not receive a dues notice, please contact Faithful Comptroller, Lou Manz (M) 561.801.2924. Second Notices will be sent out in mid-February.

Dues are the same as last year, \$24.00. **Checks should be made out to "K of C Assembly 3154."** Checks can be brought to Council or Assembly meetings or **mailed** to "Lou Manz, Comptroller Assy 3154, 538 Sugar Grove Place, Orange Park FL 32073." **Please do not mail to the Parish Office.**

A Taste of Little Italy Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser - April 27

The Knights of Columbus Council 7399 aspires to donate an Ultrasound Machine, with the capabilities of detecting life before 6 weeks, to the Women's Help Center - Westside. Studies show that more than 85% of women who can see their babies with an ultrasound are more likely to keep them.

This fundraiser will be used to supplement the funds that have been put aside by the Council to add the additional equipment required to detect life at such an early stage. A Taste of Little Italy Spaghetti Dinner will be April 27. It will be combined with the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, which is celebrated on April 29, with the hopes to increase participation from the Parish. The menu consists of spaghetti, house salad, and bread. More details to follow!

Tickets will be sold in advance in the Narthex and at Bingos beginning March 1, 2024. Donations will be accepted as well. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets after Masses. **Sign up sheet is available for volunteers to pick their dates and times. Click [here](#).**

Grand

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Message

I want to thank all who filled in for me during my visit to California to visit my family, especially David Coughlin, who led the Presidents Day Patriotic Rosary. I also would like to thank all who attended Thursday's Monthly Social where the Faithful Navigator, Tom Scherch, presented First Coast Honor Flight with a check for \$6,000; the result of Assembly's Christmas Holly Ball Spectacular. A special thanks to all who helped with the setup and cooking, especially Dave Counts and Michael Gambone.

The Trustees are doing a great job of collecting late dues payments. Keep up the good work! They are also working on the preparation of a slate of officers for the upcoming Fraternal Year. Please reach out to one of them. Click here for a list of Officers of your Council.

I hope your Lent is off to a great start. Remember to spend some time with

the Eucharist. Consider becoming a regular adorer.

Regards & God Bless,
Lou Manz PGK, PFN
Grand Knight
St Catherine of Siena Council 7399



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