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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 - 2nd Notice

#### Important Notice About Upcoming Council Elections

Nominations for Officers of the Council will be completed at our Business Meeting on May 16. 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](mailto:Renato_S@comcast.net)) or Cliff Plante [cjplante@msn.com](mailto:cjplante@msn.com).

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

The Membership Committee has commitments from four candidates and is contacting additional candidates for the upcoming 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**

The deadline for having your paperwork and checks was March 1. We have one candidate for the Fourth Degree, but he will not be attending this exemplification.

**Looking**

**Ahead...**

**Officer & Director Meeting - Monday, March 11, 6:30 pm**

Our monthly Officer & Director meeting is March 11, and will begin at 6:30 pm in the Knights' Room, Parish Family Life Center. Officers, Rountable chairmen, and appointed directors are expected to attend to prepare for our Regular Business meeting. This meeting is open to all members who wish to offer their thoughts prior to the Regular Business meeting. .

**Pre-Meeting Rosary Initiative - Thursday, March 14, 6:30 pm**

Prior to the Regular Business Meeting, all members, Lady Knights, and friends are invited to participate in a Rosary promptly at 6:30 pm in the Adoration Chapel. Prepare yourself for Easter by visiting the Eucharist.

**Regular Monthly Business Meeting - Thursday, March 14, 7:00 pm**

Our regular monthly Business Meeting will begin promptly 7:00 pm. Learn about what's happening in your Council and take an active tole in it.

**Bingo "B" Team - Saturday, March 16**

Congratulations to Bingo Team "A" for last night's successful Bingo. Our next Bingo is Saturday, March 16. Team "B" will be the host. It is both entertaining and rewarding. If you would like to join a Bingo team, or become a substitute, please contact Cliff Plante (M) 904.248.0592 or Chris Hutter (M) 904.327.8257. Here is a link to the [Bingo Newsletter](#). Get to know more about your Bingo and its volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or have questions about Bingo, they have a new email address [BingoKofCop@gmail.com](mailto:BingoKofCop@gmail.com).

**St. Patrick's Day - March 17**

Enjoy the day. Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day!

**Mass & Rosary for Life - Tuesday, March 19, 8:00 am**

On Tuesday, March 19 and every "Third Tuesday," Fr. Andrzej Mitera celebrates Mass at 8:00am at the Family for Life Office at 4131 South University Blvd, Building #3, Jacksonville. A Rosary will follow on the grounds nearby. All faithful are invited to attend. The Knights of Columbus will provide transportation for anyone interested and needs transportation. Contact Lou Manz, Grand Knight (M) 561.801.2924.

**Holy Thursday Mass - No March Monthly Social - Thursday, March 28**

In lieu of a Monthly Social, we are inviting all Knights and their families to the Holy Thursday evening Mass. What a statement it would make if the church was filled with Knights of Columbus.

**Good Friday Family Promotion - Friday, March 29**

Despite Good Friday's central role in the heart of Christianity, attendance at services remains low. In an effort to change this, the Knights of Columbus encourages you and your family to participate in Good Friday services and will be placing messages in the Parish bulletin. Setting an example for our community, Knights will attend Good Friday services with their families and will work with Fr. Andy to encourage increased parishioner involvement at these liturgies.

**Hispanic**

**Roudtable**

All members of the Council's Hispanic Roundtable are invited to attend all Council functions, starting with the Officer & Director Meetings and regular Monthly Business Meetings and Social.

**Assembly****Dues****Now****Due**

Thank you to all who have paid their Assembly Dues. Second notices were sent out on March 1. Look for your Second Notice, if you have not yet paid your dues. If you have questions, please contact Faithful Comptroller, Lou Manz (M) 561.801.2924.

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!

Brothers Jay Heather and Dave "Vanoy" Counts are co-chairing this event. A splendid committee has already begun organizing this great event. Save the date, so you can help push us over the top!!

**Grand****Knights****Message**

I want to thank all who attended the Memorial Mass and Luncheon for Brother Ron Guzman, especially the Color Corps who were in full attendance, except for our Faithful Navigator, Tom Scherch, who was under the weather. Tom's moving

eulogy was moving to all who witnessed in person or saw it streamed on the St. Catherine of Siena Facebook page.

Thanks also to all who attended Wednesday's Family Prayer Night for Families and the Sacredness of Marriage. We printed 30 handouts and all were used. It was a good-sized, vocal crowd.

The Faithful Navigator wanted me to thank Sir Knight, Peter Sikora for filling in for the District Master at the Assembly's Renewal of Obligations on Thursday.

The Trustees continue to solicit late Council dues payments. 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](#).

## Relevant

## Radio

About two years ago, I stumbled across a Catholic Radio Station at **AM 1460** on the dial. Since then, my car is almost always tuned to that station. Listening to this Catholic radio station has made me a better man, husband, and Catholic. Listening continues to make me a more-learned, well-informed Catholic and teaches me more about my faith. You can listen to Relevant Radio on the radio at AM 1460, on the Internet at [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com), and on the [Relevant Radio app](#) for your smartphone.. They are presently running three features that are of particular interest. 1) [The Saints](#), 2) [Lenten Lessons on the Mass](#), and 3) [Eucharistic Encounters](#). They pray the Memorare every hour for an end to abortion and they pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary Across America, and the Mass every day. I encourage your to tune in during Lent and you might get hooked!

I hope you continue your Lenten efforts and are spending some time with the Eucharist. I am hoping to see you at this Saturday's initial COR Meeting. Join us for Faith Formation, Prayer, and Fellowship; the three requirements of COR.

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



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