

# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** COUNCIL 7621 Tarpon Springs, FL

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#### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## ASK A KNIGHT HOW TO GET YOUR TICKETS

Our first monthly drawing is September 15th. Will you be the lucky winner...**only** if you have a ticket!

# Tickets are \$25

Tickets are good for all three (3) \$100 monthly drawings in Sept. Oct. and Nov. and the FINAL drawing too!

Final drawing is December 11th

\$500 First Prize, \$300 Second Prize, \$200 Third Prize

#### What's In This Month's Issue:

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See, I am sending an angel before you, to guard you on the way and bring you to the place I have prepared. Be attentive to him and heed his voice. Do not rebel against him, for he will not forgive your sin. My authority resides in him. If you heed his voice and carry out all I tell you, I will be an enemy to your enemies and a foe to your foes. (Exodus 23: 20-22)

When God created all the creation, He created visible and invisible creatures. Angels are invisible creatures. They are spirits with pure intellect and will. They are higher created beings than humans. That is why the Satan and other fallen angels are condemned eternally when they were rebelled against God. Two third of angels including Archangel St Michael were for God in His plan of humanity sharing divine nature as sons and daughters of God. They are holy Angels who care and pray for us.

We, as children of God, have received Guardian Angel from God. God desires we have intimate relationship with our individual Guardian Angel who watches over us. They are our friends and protectors from the Evil One, Satan and evil spirits. Are we grateful to God for this gift of Guardian Angels?! They want us to be with them in the Presence of God forever. They are saddened when we fall short in sin. We don't want to sadden them. Instead we must pursue in holiness and love to reach our Final Destination, Heaven!

St Bernard of Clairvaux says, "... [R]espect for the presence of angels, devotion because of their loving service, and confidence because of their protection. And so the angels are here; they are at your side, they are with you, present on your behalf. They are here to protect you and to serve you." This is spiritual reality in our lives whether we realize or experience this or not. Let us have closer and deeper relationship with our individual Guardian Angel so that we would enter into the Heaven, Kingdom of God right after our last breath on earth! My Guardian Angel, Joe, guard me! Protect me! Intercede for me!

> My Guardian Angel, Joe! Thank you for being my friend! Teach me how to fly with you, Joe! Let me reach to the Throne of God with you, Joe! Help me to be holy like you, Holy Angel of God! Let me be radiant and awesome like you, Joe! You are radiant like the bright sun in the blue sky! You are awesome like the sight of Grand Canyon! Teach me how to pray like you, Joe, Prayer Warrior! Let me contemplate God like you, Joe! You are truly radiant and awesome, my Guardian Ange! Thank you for being my friend, Joe!

# **Upcoming Events**



#### **KOC COUNCIL 7621 MEETING**

#### Thursday, September 15, 2022 7:00 PM

Please join us to find out what's happening this month. We'll be talking about our membership drive & our first BIG breakfast.

Are you a Catholic Man interested in your Faith journey, your Family and Community?

Membership drive Sunday, September18th after Mass **Join us to find out more!** 





#### **BIG BREAKFAST IS BACK!**

#### Sunday, September 25th 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Enjoy a BIG BREAKFAST of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and orange juice or coffee.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: **www.kocignatius.org**



District Deputy Note District 37



Brother Knights,

Now that we as a Council are getting more active in our parish's, as well as our own functions, we need to take a look and see if there is more as individuals that we can assist with.

By attending the monthly business meetings, we can get a sense of how we can help best. Sometimes just having that extra set of hands can make an event run smoother and make it look more favorable to others that they may want to join us, or to come back and participate again after having been away for a period.

With the COVID pandemic not as critical, the need for all to come back and participate is even greater to help bounce our Council back as well as the parish. We made a commitment to our Council, to ourselves, and to God that we were going to be a member of this organization and to help make it an asset in our communities. It is not too late to help.

Please come and join in and make our Council and parish stronger. There are many in need of help. Let us be able to extend that assistance and grow in God's graces as we do it.

Vivat Jesus! David Creamer District Deputy 37



**Grand Knight's Note** 

**Council #7621** 



# What Time is it!

Lately, I have ignored time & focused all my effort on a fundraiser for Ukrainian refugees coming to Pinellas county. Awake or sleeping it is constantly in my thoughts.

As I last wrote, my fear for the world is great. So, let's keep helping our refugees.

Prayers can only help heal this conflict, therefore, I urge you to attend the Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Prayer Service @ 10am on August 27th at St. Ignatius Church. Maybe, just maybe our petitions to the Virgin of Guadalupe will inspire the Lord to intercede in this conflict resulting in peace for Eastern Europe forever. It is getting late!

Vivat Jesus!

Sir John Donnell

# Ukrainian Refugee Dinner Thank you for your Support!

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You raised \$11,500!

**Polish School Moms who cooked!** 

#### Aneta & John - The "Organizers"





**Our Awesome Teenage Servers & Runners!** 



# Silver Rose Comes to St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church

Saturday, August 27th, 2022



Thanks to the Fourth Degree Honor Guard, Grand Knight John Donnell, Rev. Bill Swengros and the Knights on Bikes for honoring the Silver Rose



in Mass, Rosary and Prayer.



We honor Our Lady of Guadalupe





### **MEET THE NEW KOC OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023**

Grand Knight **Financial Secretary Deputy Grand Knight** Recorder Chancellor Treasurer Advocate Warden Inside Guard **One Year Trustee** Two Year Trustee Three Year Trustee Media Director Chaplain

John Donnell Paul Kruschwitz Jack Peeke (NP) Vince Huth (NP) Jim Kossoff **Gary Cloutier Paul Biggans Bob Wright (NP)** Dave Tobey Outside Guard(2) Chad Johnson & Dave Rodgers (NP) Paul Carey **Steve Thomas** Tom McKone (NP) Don Tobey **Rev. Joseph Paek** 

\*(NP = Not Pictured)



Have you ever wondered how we became a Knights of Columbus Council?

# Look at what we found...

#### History of St. Ignatius Council No. 7621

It was a long road to eventual accomplishment. With persistent determination, Arthur A. Leone, DD No. 18 District, Knights of Columbus, instituted a new-council in Tarpon Springs, Florida on June 22, 1980.

On July 14, 1980, the following were elected charter officers of the new council, St. Ignatius Council No. 7621:

Joseph T. DeMatteis, Grand Knight; Anthony Velong, Deputy Grand Knight; Russell J. McLaughlin, Chancellor; Austin C. Simpson, Warden; Joseph Kulpinski, Recorder; Salvatore Stagliano, Treasurer; John Kiwala, Advocate; Paul Vasquez, Inside Guard; William Murphy, Outside Guard; Trustees: Charles Murphy, Harry L. Jones, Ensley Dygert, Donald Fowler, appointed Financial Secretary and Fr. Joseph Pelligrino, Chaplain.

The charter class of candidates initiated on June 22, 1980, was named after Pope John Paul II. Council No. 7621 will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:30 P.M. in the CCD Center of St. Ignatius Church on Tarpon Avenue and US 19 South.

In addition to the charter officers, the following Brothers will be charter members also:

Rocco D. Arena, George L. Balash, Joseph S. Biniak, Kermit A. Black, Patrick J. Chimento, Lawrence J. Corbett, Eugene T. Criscuolo, Anthony Dobraz, Otto Euteniur, Thomas N. Hejl, Brent J. Jones, Albert Leonetti, James H. McCarthy, Michael McParlane, Nicholas P. Malure, Jr., John L. Meyers, John P. O'Connell, Gerard A. Pagano, John Pastiva, Jr., Louis S. Puka, John A. Schmalz, John M. Simonelli, Salvatore Sgroi, William W. Vickery, Kenneth A. Wharton.

The council has formulated a Ladies Auxiliary and a Squires Circle.

Since June 22, 1980 the council has steadily increased it's membership and has formed a ladies auxiliary.

THIS COUNCIL IS NOW HOLY TRINITY COUNCIL NO. 7621



Dear Friends,

We just launched our 2nd Annual On Line Auction on Monday, August 29, 2022. We currently have 20 items and are adding more every day. All the proceeds go directly to the Gary Sinise Foundation to help build a smart home for a severely wounded Veteran.

Don't hesitate! Register Now!!

Follow the link below to the auction site and browse the items already listed. Register and you will be notified as more items are added.

https://qtego.net/qlink/esa2474

Alternatively, you can scan the QR Code below from your mobile device and register on your phone or tablet.



You also can sign-up for the Golf tournament by scanning the QR code below:

Scan for Golf





Help us make this a banner year. Please forward this email to your friends and family. Encourage them to participate. Every dollar counts!!

Have a great day! Gene Gene Jajuga, Co-Chaiman KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Assembly Golf Tournament Cell: 727-403-3261