

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWSLETTER

COUNCIL #7621 - TARPON SPRINGS, FL - 2/2024

**Winter Raffle is Here!**  
***Only 250 tickets will be SOLD!***  
**\$20 per ticket**

**FINAL DRAWING TO BE MARCH 22nd, 2024**

**1st Place will receive 25%    2nd Place will receive 15%**

**3rd Place will receive 10%**

***Have you got your ticket(s) yet?***

**IF NOT--> Ask a Knight**

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***Happy  
Valentine's  
Day!***

**For more information: <https://www.kocignatius.org>**

# Join Us for KOC Men's Retreat

**Men: Seize this opportunity  
and bring others with you!**

Begin the year by standing with other men  
for the glory of God!



**Catholic  
Manliness**  
Let's Get Back to It!

**14th Annual  
Tampa Bay  
Men's Conference**

Featuring Bear Woznick  
and Gus Lloyd

**Saturday, February 10, 2024**

Higgins Hall at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Tampa

6:30AM Rosary | 8:00AM Mass | 9:00AM-3:00PM Conference Program



For tickets or more information,  
scan the QR code or visit:

[suncoastcatholicministries.com](http://suncoastcatholicministries.com)



**Register NOW!**

**Use promo Code: GIFT24 to save 25%**

(Limited to first 250 registrations)

**Special prices for Father & Son Combo**

High School & College students only \$30

# Upcoming Events



## Episode #3 “True Leadership”

Thursday, February 1st 8:00 PM

Meet us in the Parish Hall

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## KOC Mens' Retreat

Sat. Feb. 10th

Special pricing for  
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College Students **only \$30**

## Feast Tuesday - Potluck Supper

February 13th - 5:00-9:00 PM

A-F Drinks, G-M Appetizers, N-T Salads, U-Z Desserts

*Parish provides main course*



St. Ignatius of Antioch Council 7621  
Tarpon Springs, Florida

## KOC Council Meeting

Thursday, February 15th 7:00 PM



## Into the Breach

“Importance of Fatherhood”

Episode #4

Thursday, February 15th - 8:00 PM

Join us in the Hall

# More Upcoming Events



*Lenten Dinners starts Friday, Feb. 16th*



**KOC CORPORATE MASS**  
**Sunday, February 18th**

**11:30 AM**

Bring the Family &  
wear your KOC Polo Shirt



**Plan Ahead!**

*Lenten Dinner Schedule*

**4 - 7 PM**

**Friday, Feb. 23rd - Fridays, March 1st - March 8th**  
**Fridays, March 15th, March 22nd**

# Spiritual Reflections

My dear brothers,

**We are so blessed to be Catholics!!** One of the joys is the season of Lent, which comes from a Middle English word which means “lengthening of days” or “**Springtime!**” It is a time when we open our hearts to the warm light of Christ, allowing the ice of sin and bad habits melt away, and welcome new growth into our lives. Lent is a time when the hard soil is turned by our fasting, fertilized with acts of charity, watered with our prayers, and seeded with His Word and Sacrament. It is a springtime of renewal and grace!

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday**. This year it falls on February 14th, Valentine’s Day. I would encourage you to speak with your sweetheart and think of an appropriate way to celebrate Valentine’s Day while keeping Ash Wednesday first in place. On Tuesday, February 13th, St. Ignatius is hosting a potluck supper, “**Fest Tuesday!**” from 5-9pm. Bring your family and friends! Masses on Ash Wednesday are at 7am, 9am, 11:30am, 4pm, 7pm, and 6pm in Spanish in the Chapel. Please plan your day accordingly!

This Lent, **St. Ignatius is increasing Eucharistic Adoration and Confession**. We will offer adoration on Mondays from 9:30am to 7pm, Thursdays from 9:30am to 10:30am, and Fridays from 9:30am to 9pm. Confessions will take place Monday through Saturday after the 9am Mass as well as Friday evenings at 6pm and Saturdays at 3pm. On Monday evenings at 7pm, we will also host a **Lenten Series on the Eucharist** with a guest priest. On Fridays we will offer the **Stations of the Cross** at 9:30am and 6pm. And of course, thanks to you, we will have the delicious **Knights’ Lenten Dinners** every Friday from 4-7pm!

**The three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.** How might you and your family increase the quality of your **prayer**? Here are some ideas: attend daily Mass, go to confession every month, read the Bible and pray every day. **Fasting.** What are you going to fast or abstain from this Lent? Try fasting from those things which hinder or block your relationship with God such as excessive or inappropriate media, cursing, gossip, or impatience. **Almsgiving.** What acts of charity will you share? Helping with the Knights’ Lenten Dinners is a great place to start! You may also want to increase your donation to the parish and make a pledge the annual Catholic Ministry Appeal. Lent is only days away. Now is the time to make your plan!

Know that you and your family are in my prayers. May God bless you and your loved ones during this Holy Season of Lent!

*Fr Bill*

Fr. Bill Swengros  
Chaplain





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# Grand Knight's Note

## Council #7621

### Sir John Donnell



*Welcome to all our Knights of Columbus,*

*Lent is on the horizon and we should be preparing now. It will be a time of penance and readying of our soul to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ – Easter!*

*For 40 days Christians engage in personal & community penance and prayer in an effort to rise above our sins, and in remembrance of Christ Jesus.*

*Please partake in the community praise and adoration of the one who brought eternal salvation to man. Lenten season is to prepare our souls in thanksgiving for our redeemer.*

*I urge you all to pray the Stations of the Cross beginning each Friday at 9:30 AM and 6:00 pm during Lent.*

*Just a reminder: All Monday evenings during Lent there will be a Lenten Reflection on the Eucharist starting at 7:00 PM in the church. Adoration will also be held in the church from 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM on each Monday, Thursday from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM and Fridays from 9:30 AM to 9:00 PM.*

*God Bless you all,  
Sir John Donnell*



# District Deputy Note

District 37

Sir David Creamer



Brother Knights,

Lent will soon be here and we must do all that we can to prepare ourselves and to help each other to be prepared for this most holy season.

Jesus gave up His mortal life to ensure that we would have a chance to receive the ultimate gift, eternal life with the Holy Trinity. As we work around our parishes, putting on our events, and doing various acts of charity, it is all for the preparation of ourselves for Easter, when we are reminded of the joyous life we can achieve if we live our lives correctly.

Each act of kindness, each bit of charity, each helpful task we perform helps us to better ourselves. We are also being good examples to others of how to properly act so that they may be aided in following Christ closer. We all need help if living our lives with all of the distractions in our world, but as a group we can perform great things and do wonderful tasks. Being a Catholic gentleman is a wonderful thing and being a Knight allows us to even be greater.

May God bless us all for all that we do.

Vivat Jesus!

David Creamer

District Deputy 37



Knights of Columbus  
**FOURTH**  
**DEGREE**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

**Fr. Edward J. Farrell**  
**Assembly #1774**

**St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Holiday, FL**

**Next meeting is Monday, Feb. 12th at 7:00PM**

**Are YOU a Knight?**

**Are YOU Patriotic?**

Join the  
Fourth Degree



**All 3rd Degree Knights Become a “Sir Knight”**

**Live Exemplification**

**Saturday, March 9th**

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, Parrish, FL

Call for Information: **727-815-8912**

*Ask for Don Tobey, Faithful Navigator*



# KOC 3RD DEGREE OFFICERS



**Contact Chuck Hope**

**727-494-2345**

**“No Kidding!”**

**A FEW GOOD OFFICERS  
ARE NEEDED!**