

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWSLETTER

COUNCIL #7621 - TARPON SPRINGS, FL - 1/2024



St. Ignatius of Antioch Council 7621
Tarpon Springs, Florida

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR
2024



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**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



KOC Men's Retreat - Saturday, Feb. 10th

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS **FREE** CLINIC!



Saturday, January 27th

11th Annual **MEN'S ONLY MORNING**

Saturday, January 27th, 2024 | 8:00am - 11:30am
St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church Hall
826 East Orange Street | Tarpon Springs, FL

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Councils #7621, #6476 and #12196

When it comes to your health and wellness, no matter your age or stage of life, we want to be your partner and help you take an active role in living a longer, healthier life. Join us for a free, fun-filled morning of men's health screenings, a panel discussion with our physician experts, and door prizes. The OneBlood Mobile will be on-site. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Free Event!

 727-939-6404

 AdventHealthNorthPinellas.com

Reservation Required. Space is Limited.




Advent Health
North Pinellas

REGISTER NOW! Space is Limited

Upcoming Events



Nativity Silhouettes Sale

"Limited Inventory"

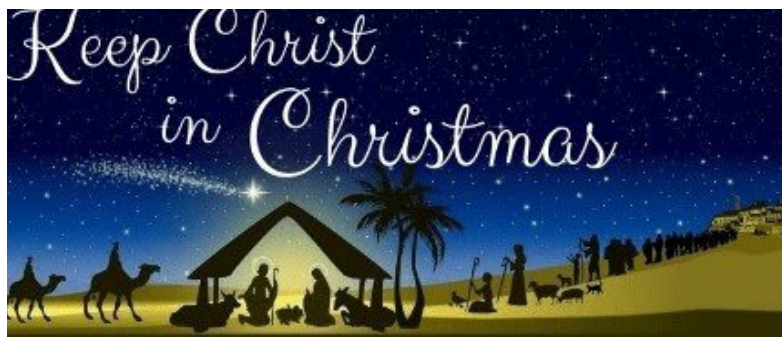
Starts Jan. 1st - Go to Website Click on Store!



"Authentic Masculinity" #1

Starts Thursday, January 4th - 8:00 PM

Meet us in the Parish Hall



WINNERS CELEBRATION

JAN. 14TH

11am-12pm

in the Parish Hall

Sunday, January 14th

8:00 to 1:00 PM

Adults=\$10, Child=\$6,

Family of four(4)=\$25



**Join us to celebrate
the Dignity of Human
Beings at Prayer
Service - 7:00 PM**

More Upcoming Events



KOC Council Meeting
Thursday, January 18th
7:00 PM



Episode 2 - Jan. 18th 8:00 PM in Parish Hall
Men Need a band of Brothers



KOC CORPORATE MASS
Sunday, Jan. 21th - 7 AM



Respect for Life Rosary
Monday, January 22nd
6:30 PM



Advent Health FREE Men's Clinic
Saturday, January 27th
8:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Happy NEW YEAR

*You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.*

PSALM 65:11

Spiritual Reflections

My dear brothers,

Catholics like to be a bit different. While the rest of the world celebrates the beginning of a new year with drinking and parties, Catholics turn their minds and hearts to Christ and to Mary, our Blessed Mother. We pray for peace and healing in our world and for renewal of faith in the hearts of all people of good will. While January 1 is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, I encourage you to come and honor the Holy Infant and Mother Mary. On Sunday, December 31, we will have a Holy Hour beginning at 10:30pm and then consecrate the world and the Holy Eucharist at midnight! On Monday, Masses will be at 7, 9, 4pm, and 7pm. (Spanish at 6pm). Come and bring your family!

Catholics also like to swim against the current. While the rest of the world is taking down their Christmas decorations, we are just getting started! For us, Christmas is not a day but an entire season which extends all the way to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 8. At St. Ignatius (and the Vatican), we will continue the celebration through the Feast of Santo Niño (the Holy Child) on January 21 and will conclude our celebration on the Feast of the Presentation on February 2. On this feast, those consecrated to Religious and Apostolic Life rededicate themselves to Christ in a special candlelight ceremony in St. Peter's! If you would like to help honor Sisters Pauline and Marcelle and Fr. Joseph Mary, let me know!

We are also counter-cultural. Catholics stand united with the underdog, the marginalized and oppressed, defending the unique and inalienable dignity and worth of every human person from the moment of conception to natural death. We believe that every life matters. I'm proud of our Council for supporting our prayer service with Fr. Daniel in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 15 at 7pm. Likewise, the Mass for "Protection of Human Life" on Monday, January 22 with Fr. Joseph Mary. While Roe v. Wade has been overturned, much work has to be done. We must pray for a change of heart. Please come and bring your families!

On a totally different note, as you make your New Year's resolutions, please think of a way you can grow in faith and how you might become more involved in our Council. May this New Year be one of great joy and peace for you and your loved ones!

Fr. Bill Swengros

Fr Bill

Chaplain





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Grand Knight's Note

Council #7621

Sir John Donnell



Brother Knights,

January marks more than just the start of a new year; it's an opportunity to embrace a collective prayer for generosity, compassion, and peace worldwide.

As we open the gate to a fresh start, let's foster a spirit of kindness and empathy, extending a helping hand to those in need and fostering good will among all communities.

May this year bring about the bonding of hope and unity, where hearts resonate with generosity, minds open to compassion, and the world finds lasting peace.

Happy New Year!

God Bless,

John Donnell

Grand Knight

Council #7621



District Deputy Note

District 37

Sir David Creamer



Brother Knights,

Happy New Year!

As we look at our calendars of events, there are many opportunities to do good work in our parishes and to be seen as leaders in our churches. Christmas has left us with a warm feeling of family and fellowship and we need to spread this joy that we have found with all we come in contact with. Through our events we are able to generate some funds which help us in our charitable reaches and these acts of charity are our founding core. Charity, Unity, and Fraternity are accomplished in most every function that we put together. To continue with our work, we need to always look to add on new members to assist us to do our good acts. Spreading the message of our main purpose of helping others is important to show that our good Christian way of life is the right way of doing things.

May God bless us all for all that we do.

Vivat Jesus!

David Creamer

District Deputy 37



Fr. Edward J Farrell

Assembly #1774

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Holiday, FL

Meets 2nd Monday each month at 7:00 PM

Next meeting is Jan. 8th

in the Hall

Chuck Hope & Mike Moraca will
speak about thjeir experience as an
Escort on the Honor Flights

SAVE THIS DATE!

Tuesday, February 13th

Families welcome!

4:30pm - 7:30pm

More details to come - watch your email!

Wicked Pour Taproom - 12263 SR 54, Odessa FL 33556

Winter Raffle is Here!

\$20 per ticket

Only 250 tickets will be SOLD!

Have you got your ticket(s) yet?

IF NOT--> Ask a Knight

**1st Place Winner will
receive 25%**

**2nd Place Winner will
receive 15%**

**3rd Place Winner will
receive 10%**

FINAL DRAWING TO BE MARCH 22ND 2024

February Adventures

Into the Breach #3 “True Leadership”

Thursday, Feb. 1st 8:00 PM

KOC Men’s Retreat - Saturday, Feb. 10th

KOC Business Meeting - Thursday, Feb. 15th 7:00

Into the Breach #4 Thursday, Feb. 15th 8:00 PM

“Importance of Fatherhood”



Lenten Dinner

FEB. 16TH

4:00-7:00 PM



KOC CORPORATE MASS

Sunday, Feb. 18th- 11:30 AM