

JULY 2023

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWSLETTER

COUNCIL #7621 - TARPON SPRINGS, FL



**SUMMER**  
  
**BREAK**

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# Special "Thanks" to all

With this, the end of my third consecutive term as recorder, and my final one, I would like to first thank the three Grand Knights with whom I have served, Dave Creamer, Dave Cuffe, and John Donnell, for their seemingly endless efforts on behalf of Council 7621. All three have provided me much support and encouragement, and especially in the past year, John's event calendars and orders of business have really helped me accurately convey what happens at each meeting.

So many other officers have stepped up to help me prepare the minutes each month: Bob Wright making sure everyone who attends gets recognized, especially the newcomers; Don Tobey, who in addition to always promptly returning my calls in order to graciously answer all my questions, has totally revamped our online presence in the past several years, producing a website and newsletters with so much invaluable council information; and Paul Carey, a Godsend, literally and figuratively, in his work caring for the sick, infirmed and dying, for the Good of the Order, who after each meeting emailed me an updated version of the prayer needs of our Knights and their immediate families, that I could more easily and accurately transpose onto the minutes.

I also want to thank the Knight I consider the great unsung hero of our council, Steve Thomas, who from making cold calls soliciting funds for our major projects to spearheading one of our best new ministries--welcoming children into the Kingdom of God through baptism, to being the primary ghost re-writer / contributor/sounding board for our "Welcome Women into Membership in the Knights" letter to KOC Corporate, has been a true Blessing to me and our council. In fact, when I was out of town, and then sick for two months, it was Steve who graciously stepped up to take the minutes in April, May, and June.

And finally, thank you members of Council 7621 for your continued hard work on behalf of our parish, and for making these opportunities to serve available to me, and all of us. I look forward to serving with you in the upcoming year as a fellow member.

God Bless you, each and every one...

Vincent Roger Huth  
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**Join Us for a  
Corporate Mass  
Saturday, July 15th  
4:00 PM**

**Wear your KOC shirt and bring the  
family & kids to share this Mass**

**Knights of Columbus  
Council #7621**

# Upcoming Events



St. Ignatius of Antioch Council 7621  
Tarpon Springs, Florida

**NO MEETING IN JULY!**

**Next meeting will be  
August 17th.**

## **Installation of Officers / MASS**

There will be a **MASS** in the Chapple at 5:30PM, Thursday, August 17th. The Installation of Officers for 2023 -2024 will immediately follow the Mass. The Ceremony will be held in the hall with dinner to follow at Tarpon Springs Yacht Club

**DINNER AT 7:00 PM**

**Tarpon Springs Yacht Club**

**\$36 / person (includes tip)**

### **MENU**

**Slow Roasted Brisket w/Mashed Potatoes & Roasted Veggies**

**Baked Atlantic Cod/Cajun cream sauce w/wild rice & Roasted Veg**

**Chicken Marsala w/Mashed Potatoes & Roasted veggies**

*(includes: House salad, Bread, Dessert-Bread Pudding...Water, Iced Tea & Coffee)*

**RSVP BY : AUG. 11TH**

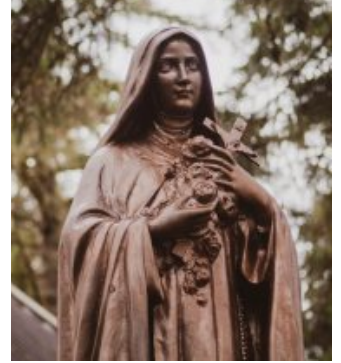
**Watch your email for updates to follow**

# *Spiritual Reflections*

by Fr. Joseph Paek

Chaplain Council #7621

## The Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary



*The angel went on to say to her: “Do not fear, Mary. You have found favor with God. You shall conceive and bear a son and give him the name Jesus. Great will be his dignity and he will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. He will rule over the house of Jacob forever and his reign will be without end.” (Luke 1: 30-33)*

Our Blessed Mother Mary was chosen by God to be Mother of Jesus who is God, the second Divine Person of Trinity. She had free will to say “No” to the Archangel Gabriel, but she said “Yes.” Because she was attuned to God’s Will. Blessed Mother was delighted to do His Will constantly.

To be worthy for Mary to carry the Son of the Most High in her womb, she must be pure and sinless from the moment of conception in her mother, St Ann. Yes, Mary received the Immaculate Conception from God by the future Merit of Our Lord Jesus’ Death on the Cross. She was exempted from the Original Sin caused by the first parents, Adam and Eve’s disobedience. Mary was in the constant state of Grace from the very beginning of her conception to the end of her life on earth. She was sinless perpetually. Yes, Blessed Virgin Mary was, and is, and is to be the “full of Grace” in the Presence of God!

We can learn from Mary how to be attuned to God’s Will in our lives. Her life was “constant prayer” in God. She pondered the words of God continually. By the Baptism, we have received the sanctifying Grace. In the state of Grace, we can follow the Blessed Mother’s examples in order to become better disciples of Our Lord! Faithful daily prayer life helps us to grow in deeper intimate relationship with God. And faithful pondering the Word of God helps us to grow in holiness of God. Let us say “Yes” to God without hesitation as Blessed Mother did! Lord Jesus, help us to imitate Your Mother so that we can imitate You better and closer!

### **Sinless Mary, Our Mother!**

Sinless Mary, our Mother!

Teach my heart to ponder the Word of God as you did, Mother!

Train my soul to love your Son as you did, Queen of Heaven!

Take my body and offer me as a living Sacrifice of praise to your Son, Immaculate Conception!

Help my mind to understand the mysteries of God more deeply, sinless Virgin!

Teach me how to fly like Dove, your eternal Spouse!

Train me to become strong soldier for the Lord like Rock, Jesus!

Take me to the merciful God to be merciful to others like Ocean of Mercy!

Help me to learn how to be sinless and pure like you, Sinless Mother!



St. Ignatius of Antioch Council 7621  
Tarpon Springs, Florida

# Grand Knight's Note

## Council #7621

### Sir John Donnell



Brother Knights,

It's a new year!!

Yes, the Knights start a new year with leadership for each council. More importantly, July 4th celebrates our independence from the British Empire. King George the III is still rolling over in his grave.

The United States civilization has brought much improvement into the world, overcome many sins and has a strong desire for utopia and support of forgotten veterans. But achieving such a goal has proven difficult.

The KOC recognized the struggle in 1900 when they formed the 4th degree Assemblies in recognition of our countries need for Patriotism. You see them in uniform at many civic and Church events, acting as honor guards and color corps, or standing in respect at the funerals of members or during adoration of the Eucharist. These "... 4th degree Knights embrace the Order's fourth principle of patriotism, and lead the efforts to reach out to veterans and active military" demonstrating that one can be a faithful Catholic and also be a faithful citizen. So, to men of all ages, do all that you can do in the name of Jesus Christ by joining the KOC.

God Bless,

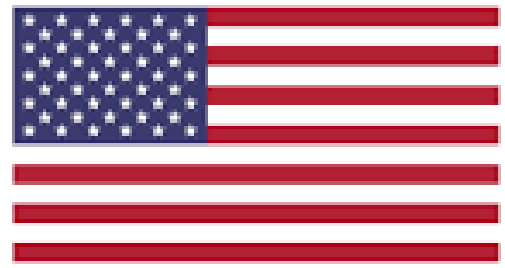
Sir John Donnell  
Grand Knight



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FOURTH  
DEGREE

*Patriotic Degree of the Order*



ONE NATION UNDER GOD

***Do you know a Veteran?***

**Let's honor them and their service**



Honor Flight of West Central Florida recognizes American Veterans for their sacrifices and achievements by flying them to Washington, D.C. to see the Memorials at **NO COST** to the Veteran.

***Applications can be made via the internet at***

***[www.Honorflightwcf.org](http://www.Honorflightwcf.org)***

Priority is given to World War II and terminally ill Veterans from any conflicts. Currently, we are honoring WWII and Korean War Veterans and will continue our mission as we fly Veterans from Vietnam, and other conflicts.

We need guardians/escorts badly for the vets on our two fall flights on **Tuesday, Sept. 12th 2023 and Oct. 24th 2023**. The only requirement is that the guardian ***MUST be over 18 and under 75 and can't be a spouse of the vet they accompany***. The escort/ guardian is asked to donate \$500 for the flight. Again, the Vets fly **FREE!** Applications can be made via the internet at: **[www.Honorflightwcf.org](http://www.Honorflightwcf.org)**

**CAN YOU HELP?**

If you know a Veteran who would like to experience an Honor Flight at no cost to them or you wish to ***"Welcome them Home!"*** at St. Pete/Clearwater airport after the flight, please contact me at: **727-514-0049.**

Vivat Jesus!

Sir Don Tobey

Faithful Navigator

Fr. Edward J Farrell Assembly #1774



# District Deputy Note

District 37

Sir David Creamer



Brother Knights,

As we begin our new Fraternal year, let us take pride in what we accomplished this past year. Getting our parishes active again was important and through our events we helped bring many people together while doing God's work for charity and to make our parishes stronger. We showed what good could be done while the participants enjoyed the fruits of our labor.

With this behind us, we now will continue with a new array of events that will help us raise funds for charity and to make the community of our Churches even more dynamic. With the dinners and breakfasts that we serve, we also must be sure that the participants know that their donations are going to good causes and not just into our coffers. Making our presence known is good for our standings amongst the ministries in our parishes, but also so that others will want to join us in doing our work for the priests and churches.

Continue to enjoy your summers, but always remember that the work that we must continue to do to make our churches a more inviting place never ends. Thank you all for what you have contributed.

Vivat Jesus!

David Creamer

District Deputy 37



# A Message from our Field Agent

Fellow Brothers,

I always think of July as being the midpoint of the summer. I hope your summer is going well and you're getting to enjoy it. Summer vacations, kids out of school, lots of outdoor sports, tending flowers and vegetable gardens. Seems like there is so much more to keep up with than during the winter. Maybe that's what makes it seem like summer goes so fast and winter drags on. Summer will be gone before you know it!

For this month a couple of thoughts come to mind. A case that came up recently had to do with the ownership of life insurance policies. If you have policies on dependent children, it's wise to have a contingent owner listed. A parent is most often the owner of the child's policy, but often there is no provision made on the policy should that parent pass away. Having a contingent owner listed in this situation makes for a smooth transition of ownership. That's one of the many things I can help with when I review policies for you.

Fraternal benefits come with being a member of the Order. One of these fraternal benefits is known as the Spouse's Right to Apply. This benefit is spelled out in each of our insurance contracts and provides a widow with the right to apply for any of our products for up to one year after her husband's death so long as he was an insured member at the time of his death. It's another good reason to become an insured member with the Order. It gives that right to your spouse. One of the advantages of meeting with me is to review just these kinds of situations. I hope to put your mind at ease.

There are many more fraternal benefits. When I meet with a member and his spouse, I try to make sure I explain all of them that are pertinent. This is all in addition to our financial needs analysis tool that can help determine needs. I think this analysis and the insurance products we offer are two of the most worthwhile benefits the Order provides. This is a robust and cutting edge platform that is used throughout the life insurance industry. We used to use a much simpler form called the Family Service Record to help keep track of important household information if the need ever presented itself. Now one of the benefits I provide to you and your family is to go through this financial needs analysis and help determine where you are now and where you want to go. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. We'll take a look at your dreams, goals and aspirations and help make sure you're on track to make them become a reality.

I appreciate the trust you've placed in me and the opportunity to serve you! Enjoy the summer!

Vivat Jesus!

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