

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWSLETTER

COUNCIL #7621 - TARPON SPRINGS, FL - 5/2024



Happy Mother's Day!

Sunday, May 12th

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Upcoming Events

MAY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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- Thursday, **May 2nd**- Into The Breach 8:00 PM Hall
- Friday, **May 3rd** - ElDean Retirement Celebration 1PM
- Sunday, **May 5th** - BIG Breakfast 8:00 Am - 1:00 PM
- Thursday, **May 16th** - KOC Meeting 7:00PM Hall
- Thursday, **May 16th** - Into The Breach 8:00 PM Hall
- Saturday, **May 18th**- KOC Corporate Mass 4:00 PM
- Sunday, **May 19th** - BIG Breakfast 8:00 Am - 1:00 PM
- Friday, **May 24th** - Alter Servers Party - 6:30 PM Hall
- Saturday & Sunday, **May 25th-May 26th-MASSES**
Veterans Collection at Masses (*Drop off in Church*)
- 40 Hours of Adoration - **May 31st** through **June 2nd**



Regina Cæli

Queen of Heaven

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

My dear brothers,

During this month of May we offer a special prayer of thanksgiving to our good and gracious God for the gift of all the mothers in our lives, living and deceased, and especially, our Blessed Mother, Mary most holy! When we think of the many ways they reflect the great love and mercy of God, we are humbled. We thank God for their beauty, inside and out, their compassion, their understanding, their patience, their strength, their courage, their grace ... We offer a prayer of gratitude and support for all of them ... our mothers, spouses, daughters, sisters, and friends ... May God bless them one and all!

Not surprisingly, the month of Mary begins with the Feast of St. Joseph. St. Joseph models for us how to best love, guide, protect, and journey in faith with our wives. Let us follow his loving and faithful example!

In a society which is so confused about gender roles and tends to objectify women, we must really model for others how to treat women with honor and respect, how to be gentlemen. I recently had a conversation with a couple and they were sharing how their eleven year old son was beginning to imitate how his father treats his mother. The father was reminded of the great responsibility he bears. Boys learn how to be men from us. They learn how to be gentlemen from us. May we always be able to say "do what I do!"

Holy Mary and Saint Joseph, pray for us! May we always lead by example!

Fr Bill

Fr. Bill Swengros
Chaplain



St. Ignatius of Antioch Council 7621
Tarpon Springs, Florida

Grand Knight's Note

Council #7621

Sir John Donnell



My fellow Brothers,

In ancient pagan traditions, as well as in Catholic tradition the focus is on rebirth, renewal, and the awakening of nature and all living beings.

May is a time for spiritual growth and personal renewal, with nature's awakening impacting our inner spiritual journeys.

In Catholic tradition, May is the month of Mary, offering a time for increased devotion to the mother of Jesus. Catholics know that May is consecrated to Mary, but it may be unclear why this month was selected for this particular distinction. This month normally belongs to the Easter season, between Easter and Pentecost.

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. May is a month of growth, when nature is reborn. Other months have more important feasts dedicated to Our Lady, such as August (Feast of the Assumption) and December (Feast of the Immaculate Conception).

What is it about this month that makes it a fitting time to reflect on the Virgin Mary's role in salvation and to honor her as the Mother of God? Since Mary is regarded as the way by which we are led to Christ, Catholics follow the centuries old practice of dedicating the month of May to her devotion. I urge you to call upon her to interceded with Christ to bring peace to the world.

God Bless,

John Donnell
Grand Knight
Council #7621



District Deputy Note

District 37

Sir David Creamer



Brother Knights,

As the fraternal calendar year comes to a close, it is important to continue with what we did and with what we learned to do in order to expand the goodness that we helped create. As we take on new roles as elected officers, we assume the responsibilities of leading others in helping to run the events and ceremonies, that at times remind us that Christ died for us to fulfill our dreams of an eternal life in Heaven. But we must do what it takes through sacrifices to achieve the state of grace that is needed to get there. Charity must be foremost in our minds, but being there for others when they are in need is what we are truly all about. Finding a few free moments to be available to help is not always easy, but it does payoff in the long run. Assuming the role of being a true Knight is what we need to strive for. Hopefully we can keep expanding on the great things that we did this year. The future is limitless.

May God continue to bless us all.

Vivat Jesus!

David Creamer

District Deputy 37



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Fr. Edward J. Farrell
Assembly #1774

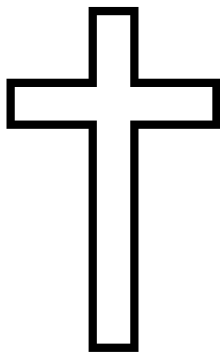
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Holiday, FL

Next meeting is Monday, May 13th at 7:00PM

White Cross Fundraiser



**This Memorial Day, Honor our
Deceased Veterans!**



**It's time to have a small Cross in
millions of front yards across our
country**

**It would provide a powerful and
inspiring message for all passing
them every day.**

DONATION \$5 per Cross

Available Sunday, May 26th at:
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Holiday, FL



*“Welcome home our Heroes - Join us at
St. Pete Clearwater Airport Baggage 7:30 PM*

Tuesday, June 4th

Mini-Grant Results

Girl Scout Mini-Grant

Several troops have volunteered to come out to camp in the past two weeks to work on the painting projects. We have done 10 bunks so far, 4 archery target stands, 5 archery benches, and 2 archery tables. Thank you again for your assistance in buying the supplies to spruce up **Girl Scout Camp Wai Lani**.

Feeding the Fosters Easter Crosses

The Easter crosses were a simple gesture to show how the Holy Spirit works through people to deliver love, kindness, respect, and beauty. I hope each child that received a cross on Easter morning felt loved, seen, and important. I hope they felt closer to God in that moment. Your grant made it possible for me to work on crafting each cross and then delivering them to each house on Easter morning, across Pinellas and Pasco County.

