

October 2023

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWSLETTER

COUNCIL #7621 - TARPON SPRINGS, FL



## OKTOBERFEST



COUNCIL 7621



**OCTOBER 13TH, 2023**

**FOOD - MUSIC - DANCING - SILENT AUCTION**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM**

715 E. ORANGE ST. TARPON SPRINGS

**\$60 Donation**

**Call 727-798-4368 for tickets**

**SUPPORTS LOCAL YOUTH GRANTS**

## Oktoberfest

### Is Next Week Friday!

Empower Youth Dreams

**Be a Beacon of Change!**

**Donate to Mini-Grants**

Use QR Code >>



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**LEARN MORE: [WWW.KOCIGNATIUS.ORG](http://WWW.KOCIGNATIUS.ORG)**

# Oktoberfest

**Have you got your tickets yet?**

**Ask a Knight **or** click the QR Code below to buy tickets online!**

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# Upcoming Events



## Nativity Silhouettes First Friday Tarpon

**Oct. 6th - 6:00 to 10:00 PM**

**Stop by our booth**

**Come & Enjoy a fun night!**

## Oktoberfest



## It's Friday 13th!

Come enjoy authentic German food, dance, bid on silent auction items and have fun!



## Join us for our Corporate Mass

**Saturday, October 14th at 4:00PM**

Bring the family and wear your KofC Polo shirt

Plan to attend the next meeting:

**Thursday, October 19th**

**7:00 PM in the hall**

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Council #7621





# Upcoming Events

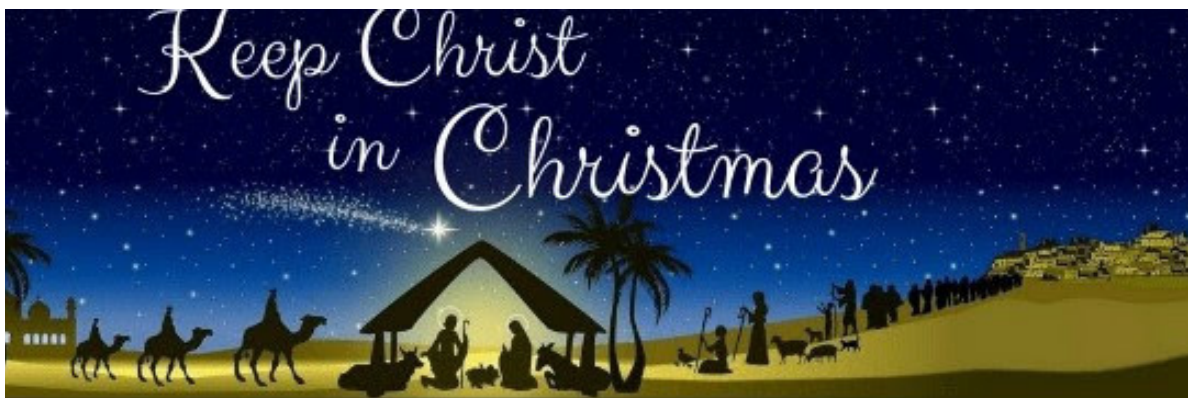


Custom Made **Holiday Decorations**  
**Order NOW**

in time for the Holidays!

**Sunday, October 29th**

After Masses



**POSTER CONTEST STARTS: MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH!**



# Catholic Issues

 **WARNING!  
DON'T SIGN!**

Paid campaigners are circulating a petition to change the FL Constitution. The title of the petition is "Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion". If passed, this amendment will eliminate all pro-life laws previously passed. VISIT: [WWW.FLACCB.ORG](http://WWW.FLACCB.ORG) to read the July 20 press release from the:



FLORIDA CONFERENCE  
OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS  
The nonpartisan public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Florida

***BE INVOLVED!***

If you'd like to read the report from the Catholic Bishops, click this link:

[WWW.FLACCB.ORG](http://WWW.FLACCB.ORG)

**For more information:**

**Go to:**

**Suncoastcatholics.org**



**Help Us Save Lives in Clearwater**

Please stand with St. Ignatius on **FRIDAYS, OCTOBER 6th & OCTOBER 13th** between 7 a.m.- 5 p.m. at  
**28960 US 19N, Clearwater**

**PARK IN HAMBURGER MARY'S ONLY!**

Sign up at : [40daysforlife.com/Clearwater](http://40daysforlife.com/Clearwater) **-OR-**

**CONTACT: JANE S. LUPIA (727) 771-9353**

(please leave message)

# Spiritual Reflections

by Fr. Bill Swengros  
Chaplain Council #7621

*For He commands His angels with regard to you,  
to guard you wherever you go.  
With their hands they shall support you,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.  
Ps 91:11-12*



My brothers,

I write this while on a directed retreat (silent) from the Jesuit's Eastern Point Retreat House. Located on the coast just north of Boston, it is the perfect place for prayer and reflection. I'm blessed with an amazing spiritual director and the Lord speaks clearly to me through His Word and Sacrament as well as in the crashing of the waves, the song of the gulls, and the play of the harbor seals! This is the second year I've come here and God willing, I will return next year! I highly recommend that each and every one of you make an annual retreat at a Catholic retreat center either alone or with your spouse or a spiritual friend. It will change your life! If you are looking for good places to go on retreat, ask me or any one of our priests or deacons. We are here for you!

On September 29th, we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael and a few days later, on October 2nd we celebrate the Feast of the Guardian Angels. Sacred Scripture and the Tradition of the Church speak of the existence and activity of the angels in the world. They are "messengers" of God, announcing God's saving plan and protecting His people from physical and spiritual dangers.

I have a special devotion to the Angels. I believe that each day we are engaged in a spiritual combat. I depend on the Holy Angels to guide and protect me along the way. St. Michael is extremely powerful and I "arm myself" with his prayer each day.

*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.*

This is one of the prayers from the Rite of Exorcism. I pray this prayer with all my being and with a full act of will. I then name my demons. I begin with the 7 capital sins and then continue with my current temptations.

Afterwards, I am mindful of Jesus' warning that when we expel one demon, he will return with seven others (Mt 12:43-45). So immediately after expelling the demons with the St. Michael prayer, I ask my Guardian Angel to protect me!

*Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.*

We each have a Guardian Angel. So does our family, our Council, our parish, and our Church! Our Guardian Angels are powerful friends who guide and protect us. They assist us in every way. We can even "send" them to help others in need. But like GPS, they can do little good if we are not attentive to them!

This month of October, let's pray to the Holy Angels for guidance and protection. Let us also ask them to intercede for us as we prepare for our Oktoberfest on the 13th! May it be a celebration of peace and joy for all!

May God bless you and our Council!

*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 Knights,

One of our most celebrated religious Holiday's is coming soon; CHRISTMAS! With all its historical, religious & family traditions.

Last year the Knights sponsored the *“Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest”* as a means of setting a tradition that our grade school children can count-on seeing their poster art on the walls of the Life Center, every year. This year the contest begins on **Monday, October 30th and ends Sunday, January 14th** at the Keep Christ in Christmas Awards Ceremony.

This year we will continue to expand the program so that the winning posters, will be submitted for the state wide KOC competition. The children can win money and recognition among their peers. It is a chance for them to express artistically their religious belief in the birth of Christ.

As parents, mentors, teachers and youth leaders, we are obligated to assist these children expressing their beliefs wherever possible. So the KOC urges you to encourage participation in this event.

The final entry deadline is **Saturday, December 16th**. There will be entry forms and materials available for the contest. Look for the signs at St. Ignatius, and watch the KOC bulletin board and the church bulletin for more details.

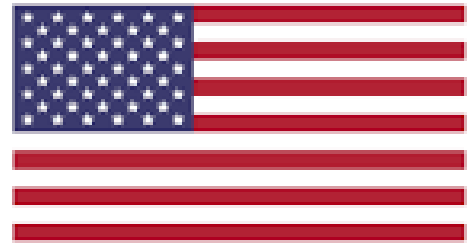
Vivat Jesus!  
John Donnell  
Grand Knight



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**

**Mission 48 will take off**

**Tuesday, October 24th**

We still need guardians/escorts for the vets on our last fall flight on **Tuesday, Oct. 24th 2023**. The only requirement is that the guardian ***MUST be over 18 and up to 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**

Copy and paste this link or click on it to see their adventure:

**<https://www.fox13news.com/news/tampa-bay-area-veterans-honored-on-flight-of-thanks>**

If you wish to ***"Welcome them Home!"*** at St. Pete/Clearwater airport on **October 24th flight**, please come to the airport Baggage Claim area by 7:30pm with your signs and **Red, White & Blue** Hoorays!

Vivat Jesus!  
Sir Don Tobey  
Faithful Navigator  
Fr. Edward J Farrell Assembly #1774

*Are you a Knight?*

*Are you Patriotic?*

**Join the  
Fourth Degree!**





# District Deputy Note

District 37

Sir David Creamer



Brother Knights,

Autumn is here and it is time to get busy. Having completed our first event makes us assured that the year is young and that there is plenty of time to do charitable work and to persuade others to join in and do good for others also.

With the emphasis on Respect Life, October is a great time to show our force and be leaders in our parishes. To stand up and influence others to join in to honor those who can't help themselves is more than a right and privilege, it is a duty we cannot take lightly. We must help lead others and show that what we believe in is morally correct, and how we must live and act daily as good Catholics.

If we can show others that we are doing the right thing, they won't be as afraid to stand up also, which will ultimately strengthen our parishes. Be a good example to all and thus we will be showing others why they should join us in making a difference.

May God bless us while doing His work.

Vivat Jesus!

David Creamer

District Deputy 37





# Aligning Financial Decisions with your Catholic Values

Presented by Anthony Minopoli,  
President & Chief Investment Officer,  
Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors

## Free Webinar!



Knights of  
Columbus®

Join us to learn more about insurance, investment and charitable solutions that align with your Catholic values.

October 26, 2023

Date

7:30 PM EDT/6:30 PM CDT

Time

Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/KofCOct26>



RSVP

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Take advantage of this **FREE** program



# November Adventures

## **First Friday Tarpon Springs**

**Holiday Decorations - Nativity Silhouettes**

**Friday, November 3rd - 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM**

## **PARISH PICNIC**

**Sunday, November 5th - After 11:30 Mass**

## **VETERANS DAY COLLECTION**

**Sat. & Sun., November 11th & 12th**

## **BIG BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, November 12th**

## **KOC Deceased Memorial Mass**

**Thursday, November 16th - 5:30 PM - Chapel**

**KOC Meeting** (follows Memorial Mass)

**Thursday, November 16th - 7:00 PM**

## **KOC Corporate Mass**

**Saturday, November 25th - 4:00 PM**

## **Nativity Silhouettes Sales**

*Last Day to Purchase - Holiday Decorations*

**Sunday, November 26th - At Masses**