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## ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA COUNCIL 7399



# SHIP'S



# LOG



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### Grand Knights Message

Gentlemen, Brothers & Friends:

### Return of Ship's Log

Welcome to the new *Ship's Log*. Most of you will remember when the Council published a monthly *Ship's Log*. It was the central hub for everything Council related. This should serve the same purpose. At the top, you will see a new header showing the Third Degree Emblem, the Knights of Columbus Motto, "In Service to One. In Service to All." followed by a representation of the Santa Maria; the flagship of Christopher Columbus for whom our Order is named. Under that, you will find the Parish name and Council number. Next, you will find the Ship's Log logo with three emblems: the Compass, the Anchor, and the Wheel.

Older Knights will remember the Compass as the emblem of their First Degree. Its points are not North, South, East and West, but Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

They will also notice the Anchor, the emblem of their Second Degree. They might remember it as the universal symbol of hope; as we hope that through Unity, the Order might accomplish its high aims. The anchor is made up of the two great symbols. If you turn it upside down, you see the bow that God gave as a sign to Noah that he would never send the flood again, and when you return it to its upright position, you see the cross; the covenant given by Jesus through his death and resurrection.

And finally, the Wheel. This emblem represents a steady direction toward Godly ways and the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy; through the great Fraternity of our dedicated Officers & Directors , and supporting members.

I hope that this new heading serves as a reminder to Knights, both old and new, of the virtues that are to guide our every endeavor.

As you navigate through the *Ship's Log*, you will find information about upcoming events.

At the bottom of the log, you will find four large icons placed there to help you navigate to important links.



This is the link to our Council Calendar. Clicking on this icon will take you to a full featured Calendar of all Council events. If you ever need to know what's happening, you can get a calendar view of our events.



This is the Event Schedule link to our web site. When clicking on this icon, instead of seeing the events in a calendar format, you will see them listed one after another down the page.

Both of these links have up-to-date information and have an option to add an event to your personal calendar on your smart phone or computer; so you never miss an event. Producing a calendar manually takes a lot of work. This will minimize Council efforts and provide you with immediate access,



This is a link to a list of the Council's Beloved Dead on our web site. It is updated regularly as we learn of the death of members, friends and family.



This is a link to members, friends and family who are Sick or In Distress. It is updated every time we learn of a new person in need of our prayers.

And finally, there are two small icons at the bottom edge.



This icon is a link to the Council's Facebook Group. Clicking on it will take you there. You don't need to have a Facebook account to look.



This icon is a link to the Council's Web Site. It is chock full of links to fun stuff including tons of photos, Family and Knight of the Month, and Assembly stuff. I recommend that you familiarize yourself with these links.

## Monthly Meetings

I will try to avoid posting information about regularly scheduled meetings like our Officer & Director Meeting, Regular Business Meeting, Monthly Social Meeting, Bingo, and Assembly Meeting, as they are on all available calendars and are based on the same monthly schedule. I will only include information about them if something important is happening or there is a schedule change. You should visit the calendar and event schedule regularly and update your personal calendar.

- **Officer & Director Meetings** are the Monday before our Regular Business Meeting and start at 6:30 pm in the Knights Room. Officers & Directors are expected to attend, but any member who wishes to hear what is happening or would like to provide input is welcome to attend.
- **Regular Business meetings** are on the second Thursday of the month. They begin with a Rosary in the Adoration Chapel at 6:30 pm and move to the Knights Room for business promptly at 7:00 pm. Our Lady Knights are invited to attend the Rosary and usually meet at the same time.
- **Monthly Socials** are the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in Lademia Hall in the Parish Family Life Center. The Council usually provides the protein and attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass.
- **Bingos** are the first and third Fridays of the month; except during Lent, when they move to the first and third Saturdays.

- **Assembly Meetings** are the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

### **Upcoming Nominations**

At May's Regular Business Meeting, the Trustees will present a draft of the slate of Officer nominees for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year. If you are asked to hold an office by one of our Trustees, please give it prayerful consideration.

### **"Live" Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity - Wednesday, May 1, 6:30 pm**

The St. Catherine Degree Team, led by Brother Peter Sikora will conduct an Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity tomorrow, May 1 at 6:30 pm. Members who have not yet achieved their Third Degree are asked to attend to advance to complete Knighthood. Candidates having not completed a Form 100 should be there at 6:00 pm. Family and friends are invited to attend. Pie and ice cream will be served immediately following in the Knights Room.

### **Family Prayer Night for Mothers - Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 pm**

In our continuation of celebrating the "Year of the Family," we will host a Family Prayer Nights in anticipation of Mother's Day. Mother's Day Family Prayer Night will be on May 8 at 7:00 pm in the Adoration Chapel. The evening will be one of prayer and contemplation founded in the love of our mothers and wives, both living and deceased, and their love for us. Whether you are celebrating a new mother, praying for one who is sick or in distress, or mourning their loss, you will enjoy this evening of prayer. This is an opportunity to join other Catholic families and give your children the opportunity to see regular people living their faith. All are welcome.

### **Catholic Charities Food Distribution at Guardian Catholic School - Saturday, May 11, 8:30 am**

Catholic Charities of Jacksonville will be holding a food distribution on May 11 at Guardian Catholic School. The Council is asking for volunteers to break down pallets of food into smaller portions for distribution to the needy families who drive up to accept donations. This event is usually over in a couple of hours. Directions to Guardian will be distributed at May's Regular Meeting and a carpool will be conducted from St. Catherine's Parking lot.

### **Spring Family Food Drive - Sunday May 12 - Sunday June 16**

We will be collecting non-perishable food items and gift cards for the needy of our area, beginning at Masses on Mother's Day and continuing through Father's Day. Many people are hurting in this economy. Please be generous. Food items can be deposited in the box marked "Food" in the Narthex. Gift cards can be placed in the collection basket during the Offertory or brought to a meeting. We are looking for volunteers to move the food from the Narthex to the Knights Room and to pack boxes for distribution.

### **Parish Rosary & Mass for Life - May 21. 8:00 am**

Please join Fr. Andy and other pro-life Catholics, as Father celebrates Mass at the Family for Life Office at 4131 South University Blvd, Building #3, Jacksonville on Tuesday, May 21 at 8:00 am. A Rosary will follow on the grounds near one of the city's most active abortion centers. What a great way to celebrate LIFE and the month of Mary! The Knights of Columbus is offering to provide transportation for parishioners who would like to attend. Contact Lou Manz, Grand Knight (M) 561.801.2924, if you need transportation or have questions. We will be carpooling from St. Catherine parking lot.

### **COR Meeting - Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 pm**

Members are asked to attend COR. COR is designed to help members in their faith formation and shape them into better men, husbands, fathers, grandfathers, parishioners, friends and neighbors. Meetings are every third Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00 pm in the Knights Room, Parish Family Life Center. The meetings will consist of Faith Formation, Prayer (Divine Mercy Chaplet), and Fellowship. Light refreshments are provided. The award-winning series *Into the Breach* will be used as a guide.

### **Florida State Council Convention - Friday, May 24 - Sunday, May 26**

The Knights of Columbus Florida State Council Convention will take place Memorial Day weekend. Representing our Council will be Grand Knight, Lou Manz and Recorder, Joel Kendrick.

### **Memorial Day Patriotic Rosary - Monday, May 27 6:30 pm**

The Assembly will be hosting a Patriotic Rosary on Memorial Day at 6:30 pm. Join us as we pray for our country and honor U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the armed forces. The event will take place in the Marian Garden; moving to the Church in case of inclement weather.

### **Looking Ahead...**

#### **Solemnity of the Holy Body & Blood Mass, Vocations Prayer Chalice Transfer & Eucharistic Procession - Saturday, June 1 5:00 pm**

Fr. Andy is requesting support from the Knights of Columbus, especially the Color Corps, for this special Eucharistic event. Father will celebrate 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday in honor of the Solemnity of the Holy Body & Blood of Christ (sometime called Corpus Christi). Following the Mass, Father will process, with the Eucharist, out of the Church and around the Parish Grounds with parishioners following. A Rosary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed during the procession.

The Vocations Prayer Chalice is usually transferred on the last Sunday of the month. However, Father has requested that the chalice be transferred during this Mass and carried around the grounds during the procession.

#### **Election of Officers - Thursday, June 13 7:00 pm**

Immediately following May's Regular meeting, the Council will publicize the slate of nominees for election to Council offices. The election will be held at our Regular Meeting on June 13. We hope to see all our members there.

### **News**

#### **Bishop Celebrates the Feast of the Annunciation and Extols Pro-Life Causes**

Members of the Assembly's Color Corps, Council members, and parishioners from St. Catherine joined Bishop Pohlmeier for Mass and several Rosaries. Click [here](#) for more.

#### **First Coast Honor Flight "Operation Homecoming"**

The Color Corps of Assembly 3154 welcomed home returning veterans after a long day at the Nation's Capital. See complete story and photos [here](#).

### **Family of the Year**

For their contributions to their community, their Parish, and the Knights of Columbus, the Council has submitted the Cascante Family as its Family of the Year. Their achievements will now be forwarded to the State Council for consideration for Family of the Year for the State of Florida. For mor information, click [here](#).

### **Feast of St. Catherine/Ultrasound Initiative Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**

I am proud of the group of individuals who worked so hard to make our event successful. The wonderful sponsors and donors, and everyone who attended, allowed us to achieve our goal of fifty percent of the cost of a 4D Ultrasound machine. Our funds will now be matched by the Supreme Council and a check sent to the Women's Help Center to purchase their device.

What a great pleasure it was to have guests from Most Holy Redeemer Council in attendance. Their generous donation of \$5,000 insured that we made our goal. Watch the web site for a wrap up and photos from the event and more postings as the process continues.

A special thank you to the EVERYONE who helped "Save the Babies!" Click [here](#) for an update on our progress.

Regards & God Bless,

Lou Manz PGK, PFN

Grand Knight

St Catherine of Siena Council 7399



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