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Easter Egg Hunt



Knights of Columbus Council 13341 held their annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 9th, 2022. The event ran from 9:30am to 11:45am. We held 5 meetings prior to the event. We discussed location, the menu, setup, required work positions & preparing the Event Bright registration system.

Friday evening after our last Fish Fry we started to setup our Parish Center for our Easter Egg Hunt. We cleaned & placed new pastel tablecloths out and put FK&S packets on each table. We prepped the kitchen equipment for breakfast & hung some decorations.

Saturday morning, we arrived at 7:30am and put-up additional decorations on the walls and outside the Parish Center. We placed Peeps candy marshmallow bunny skewer centerpieces on all the tables and started to heat up our 2 griddles for French Toast and Pancakes and our oven for Sausage Patties. Our Music man DJ John Finnegan of FoggSound set up his equipment to entertain everyone, and to get everyone in the spirit.

We opened our doors at 9:15am to Parishioners and registered all attendees entering the Center. We served breakfast to 135 people in the first 35 minutes and then the balance as they arrived.

After Breakfast we assembled the children ages 1 to 9 into three groups according to age and then sent them out to hunt for Easter Eggs outside on the Parish grounds. We took many pictures of the children with the Easter Bunny and running around, gathering Easter Eggs.

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The pictures were taken and all the Eggs were found, the families returned to the Parish Center and help assemble the children to receive gifts from the Easter Bunny. All this time, our Easter Bunny had the children up singing & dancing to the music. We had a record attendance of 173 attendees of which 67 were children.

As the families began to leave with gifts, easter eggs and full tummies, they expressed their appreciation to us for hosting another Easter Egg Hunt at our Parish, and later sent emails thanking us for the great time they all had.

It was great event, and everyone did a great job. The OLA Youth Group helped the children hunt for eggs. The Knights wives designed and made all the decorations and helped keep the beverages flowing and tables clean. Our Brother Knights cooked and served the food, cleaned the hall, and took out the trash.

This event was worth all the efforts of so many, especially when we got to see all the children's smiling faces and having such a great time.





Easter Egg Hunt







The Knights of Columbus Council 13341 Saints Cosmas & Damian held our annual Lenten Fish Fry on 6 consecutive Fridays from March 4th through April 8th. We had 40 brother Knights and 14 wives sign up to work, and we had a few additional volunteers who hadn't signed up came to help.

We had 5 brothers who purchased all the food and kitchen supplies & also worked during the week and on Fridays putting in many hours.

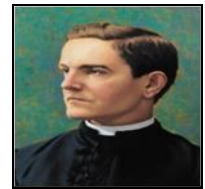
After purchasing the fish, it had to be prepared for cooking. This was done on Wednesdays & Thursdays by defrosting and drying the fish out, and then refrigerating so they would be ready to either fry or bake of Friday.

We setup our Parish Center on Friday from 12noon to 4pm. This involved setting up 26 tables for 8 guests with table covers, center pieces & FK&S packets, there were two tables for reception & ticket sales & 2 tables for our OLA Women's Guild who sold desserts & 22 round tables for diners.

In our kitchen we had 6 work areas, 2 for cooking fried & backed fish with fries, Garlic bread and string beans, 2 for serving our dine in or takeout customers & one for beverages, coleslaw & condiments. We had a cleaning crew who washed all utensils, pots, pans, trays & any other items that needed to be cleaned throughout the night.

At the end of the night, we had a cleaning crew who put everything away, cleaned the floors counters, and took out the trash. To accomplish all these tasks, we had to schedule & assign apx 30 volunteers each week. Purchasing food and supplies was done mostly on Tuesday but also as needed during the week. Setting up the hall & kitchen started on Wednesday & ended Friday by 4pm, then on Friday night we served customers from 4:30pm to apx 7pm. We have a great team and family who again Made It Happen!

We served 1540 dinners in 6 nights, a record season for our council & grossed \$18,400 with a Net profit of apx \$9,200. This is after losing our last night of fish (9 cases 300 pieces) due to a refrigeration problem at a cost of \$700. We had to purchase new fish to replace the spoiled fish & prepare it for that night's meals . This was done by Br Mike Mahan while Br Rich Macklin also had to pick up additional items & replace other spoiled items as well for the night. They along with all the volunteers made the last night a success instead of a disaster. And the customers didn't see any of that but enjoyed another night of delicious food.



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This fundraiser was held at Publix Supermarket at the corner of University and Lorraine avenues, Lakewood Ranch Blvd., Bradenton Fl on April 9,2022. The drive lasted (8) hours and was held from 8AM-4PM. Donations were solicited from patrons entering and departing the store. This continues to be well supported both by the Knights, Publix Supermarkets, and the public. This was our first Tootsie Roll Fundraiser of the 2022-2023 calendar year, and raised \$1,759 for Citizen's with Intellectual Disabilities. Twenty Knights participated.



Vin Misciagna

George Halak

**Joe Bartucci
Mark O'Brien**





Mike Chapman
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Habitat Post Op

On Thursday, April 7th, 2022, 5 Knights of Council #13341 teamed together with Habitat for Humanity at the Habitat Depot in Palmetto

The project team completed the following tasks:

Set up drop clothes, wooden horses and several power hand sanders.

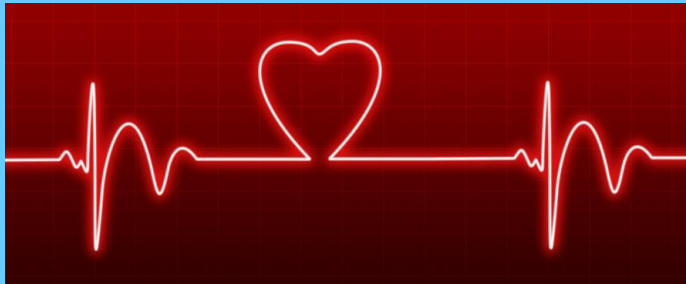
Rough sanded 6 wood porch posts. Filled in all defects then fine sanded posts to high quality finish for future installation at a new construction site. Stored posts in Depot.

Cleaned area, including all tools and drop clothes. Stored all equipment for future use.



This activity was coordinated by Michael Mahan, Habitat for Humanity Chairman. This represented the 4th Habitat project in 2022 and cumulatively the 64th monthly project in a row (65 total projects over the same time frame) since January 2017.





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