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Coats for Kids!

It was a moving presentation with Knights and wives handing out the coats to needy young boys and girls at St Michaels Parish Wauchula. The children sang Christmas carols and thanked us for the special Christmas gifts. We all left with an experience that touched us deeply.

Gerry & Joann Graceffo, John & Regina Joly, Matt & Maria Cangemi, Mike Mahon, Bill & Connie Rempe, Tom Rokosz.

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Wreaths Across America

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, Wreaths Across America's mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,500 additional locations in all 50 US states, at sea and abroad.

Wreaths Across America was started as a 501 (c)3 non-profit in 2007, over 15 years after the first wreaths were donated to Arlington National Cemetery (1992) by Morrill Worcester and the Worcester Wreath Company.

Our Assembly sponsored 45 wreaths to be placed on the grave sites at the Sarasota National Cemetery. 14 of our fellow Brothers and their spouses volunteered to lay wreaths on the grave sites at Sarasota National cemetery.

On a personal note, this was a very solemn event. Participants either said a heartfelt "Thank you for your Service", a prayer to Our Lady, or offered a very prideful salute to our fallen heroes.

Comments included:
 "...I found it very personally rewarding."
 "...It was an honor to lay the wreaths on the graves of our deceased Veterans! We appreciate the opportunity and are privileged to do so!"







Habitat Back to School

On Thursday, December 2nd, 2021, 5 Knights of Council #13341 responded to the MCHFH Depot, 1005 3rd Avenue West, Palmetto, FL 34221. Due to the completion of all new construction sites, permit delays, and the shortage of building materials Manatee County Habitat for Humanity is currently offering training classes to its volunteers in various aspects of construction to enhance its capabilities once new construction resumes. Training was received in the following area:

Interior wall framing.

This activity was coordinated by Michael Mahan, Habitat for Humanity Chairman. This represented the 12th Habitat project in 2021 and cumulatively the 61st project completed in the past 60 consecutive months in a row since January of 2017.



To all my Brother Knight's, their wives & helpers who worked on making our "2021 Breakfast with St Nick" a family delight for all 141 attendees.

From the comments I received, everyone had a great time and loved it. They enjoyed a delicious breakfast in SHH then saw OLA's Youth Choir perform the Nativity show in OLA's Daily Chapel. Then everyone returned to SHH for the chance of seeing St Nick, and St Nick didn't disappoint them. St Nick came with his Ho ! Ho ! Ho! handing out candy canes, and had the children singing Christmas carols. He asked them questions on the meaning of Christmas, and took pictures with them, then, St Nick handed out their Christmas gifts. Watching the expressions and smiles on everyone's face, including the Knights and all helpers demonstrated that it was a complete success.

I thank you all for YOUR work Friday morning with setup and very creative decorations of trees, colorful oversized gift boxes, to setting up the 3 halls and John Finegan who setup our sound system and help in buying buying supplies. Then on Saturday your execution and coordination in the kitchen, cooking, serving food, and assisting the children with food and drinks. Noah Henry and Dave Grejda and his sons Brandon, Justin and Kyle were spot on at the Registration desk, registering them in and giving attendees directions. Br Noah Henry our youngest Br Knight kept me up to date on everything in all areas as he has done for all the years we have worked together; he also had some ideas on improvements for next year. The OLA Youth choir did a great job, with their Nativity performance that was adorable. All in all, everyone stepped up and supported each other when and wherever it was needed and finally cleanup, we put the hall back the way it was and ready for the next church ministry or event.

We indeed have a great Council that is deep in talent and enthusiasm, I have never seen so many brothers working on so many projects before. We always had a great council and now we have one that is 3 and 4 deep in talent in all pillars.

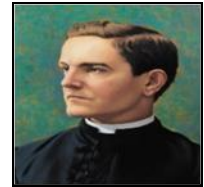
All the family comments I received were appreciative with many thanks for the food and Christmas atmosphere and gifts. your efforts were recognized.

You all made BWSN a complete success, everyone contributed working in their own areas to complete tasks and bringing all aspects together with YOUR dedication.

In His Service, Viva Jesus

Matthew Cangemi

Family Director Council 13341 Saints Cosmas & Damian





Breakfast with St. Nick

For
The
Good
of The
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Born Alive!

The "Born Alive" bill, SB 157 , will also ban healthcare providers whose salaries depend on taxpayer funding from contracting with or working for abortion clinics.

Center for Christian Virtue legislative liaison Nilani Jawahar said, "Today the state of Ohio has made a bold statement about where our values lie—with women, children, and families—not with the abortion industry which de-means and exploits them. The Born Alive Infant Protection Act, with all its life-affirming provisions, is a declaration that Ohio will fight back wherever we can to keep our beautiful state from becoming a dark place where the weak and helpless are discarded to serve the interests of the powerful."

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Conservatives across the board are applauding him for signing a bill into law on Wednesday which will require medical professionals to provide lifesaving treatment to babies who survive abortion.



Chairman Paduchik Applauds Governor DeWine and Republican Leadership for Signing the Born Alive Act

LUMBUS, OH— Ohio Republican Party Chairman Bob Paduchik releases the following statement on Governor DeWine's signing into law "Regards to Born Alive After Attempted Abortion" (SB 157), commonly known as the Born Alive Bill."

Governor DeWine and Ohio Republican legislators have been courageous advocates for the most vulnerable among us, the unborn. Every child deserves compassion and care, and the "Born Alive Law" will help protect and preserve innocent life."





Planned Parenthood Advocates of Ohio

@PPAOhio



🚨 | BREAKING: Minutes ago, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine signed Senate Bill 157, which could shut down all abortion providers in Southwest Ohio, into law.

SB 157 includes a last-minute added amendment, a TRAP law, that directly attacks abortion providers.



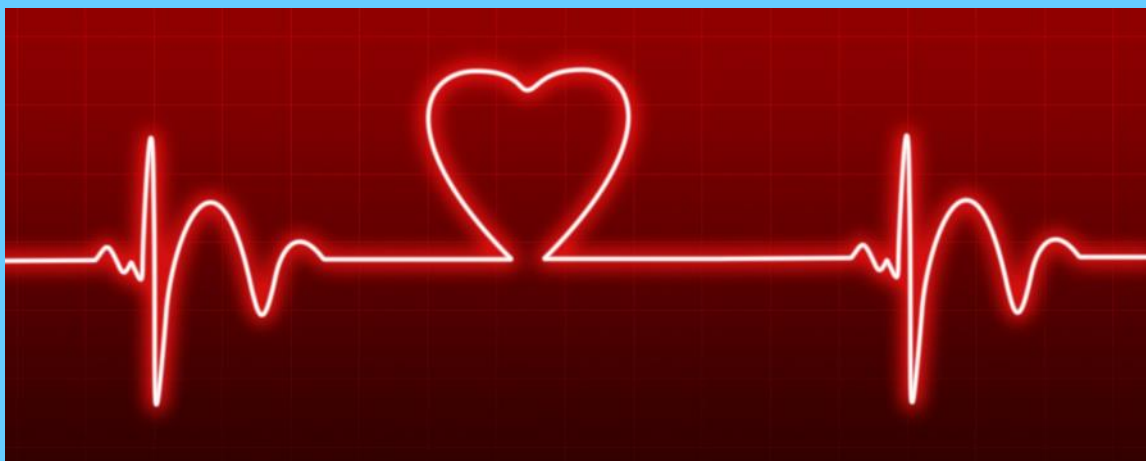
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Senate Bill 157 Signed by Gov. DeWine

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Brothers, we are doing a great job as a Council and we're raising the bar on our capability and we're achieving it:

The quality of our charitable work continues to strengthen

We are working in Unity and realizing the power in numbers

More and more volunteers are working our events

We're getting record numbers of attendees at our functions and events

We are there first when help from our Mother Church is needed

We're showing our strength as a Fraternity with more and more

Knights attending functions where parishioners are present, especially in the Church

We are leaving no Brothers behind and are staying in touch with our Brothers who are sick

We are getting our new members engaged in activity faster and faster

We are looking more and more out of the box for new fundraising ideas and are building our smaller programs with more volunteer support, for example, St Michaels in Wauchula

So, be proud to be a Knight in our Council. There aren't too many who perform at our level. Know that I am very proud to be your Grand Knight!

John